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Dear Councillor

Re: Improving life for motorists

Staffordshire County Council has launched a new roadworks web tool that will make information on current and planned roadworks free and accessible to everyone.

We are using a website provider called ELGIN which displays information nationally from coast to coast, providing information that is essential for journey planning regardless of local authority boundaries. The site provides details of the reasons for temporary works, the anticipated delays and importantly, the organisation carrying out the works.

The website is free to use and enables people to view current and planned works that are displayed according to the level of disruption anticipated. ELGIN offers an 'alert' service which people can set and tailor to their individual requirements. A smartphone app is also available to download.

You can access the information through our own website www.staffordshire.gov.uk/roadworks or the national site at www.roadworks.org

The service is only as good as the information supplied, but our highways team carries out the complex task of regulating this information from a whole host of works promoters – including utility companies, developers and private contractors. For the first time, this vast volume of information can be shared enabling everyone to be informed and plan ahead to avoid delays.

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This website will be developed further, but in the meantime it offers immediate benefits in informing you of current and planned works taking place in your area. We will be maximising the benefits by working with the emergency services, the Highways Agency, our district and borough council partners and bus service operators. If you have any queries or suggestions about the ongoing development of this web tool, please contact becky.fuller@staffordshire.gov.uk.

This information tool for motorists forms part of the broad package of improvements we have seen in Staffordshire highways since we have been in administration. Our investment of £50 million in our road and transport network – doubling the highways budget – has been an integral part in keeping our county moving and in Staffordshire's continued economic growth.

Yours sincerely



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