

**COUNCIL:**

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**QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR CARO WILD  
(CABINET MEMBER FOR STRATEGIC PLANNING AND  
TRANSPORT)**

**PUBLIC QUESTION FROM MR GARY HUMPHRIES**

Cardiff Council recently published a "Transport and Clean Air Green Paper".

Cllr. Caro Wild explained in this paper that the council's job is *"...to improve people's lives, giving people the opportunity to choose transport options that are healthier, that help [us] save money, that make it safe to enjoy cycling and walking on a daily basis..."*

He also went on to explain that the council wants *"...to have a conversation with the people of Cardiff about the issues, and how changes could impact their lives because, ultimately, we will all need to shape our future together."*

Finally, he stated that *"...improving the air we breathe has become a matter of life or death..."*

This is further endorsed by the "Capital Ambition" plan where it talks about one of the Administration's "top priorities" to *"... [tackle] congestion [which] will reduce carbon emissions and improve the quality of the air we breathe, improve people's health and support the city's economy"*.

If these publications are to be believed, could the Council explain why it recently granted consent for the use of two residential roads in Thornhill, Cardiff as a bus thoroughfare, permitting the installation of three bus stops along these streets and a terminus outside the rear gardens of several residents?

Given the volume of 21,500, 15 tonne buses operating every year along these residential roads at 15 minute intervals every day, it is clear that the air that residents will be breathing will be far from cleaner, the roads will be far from safer and the cost of maintaining these roads will also rise, clearly adding costs to the taxpayer and the Council. All in direct contrast to the commitments being made.