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Dear Afrasiab & Mick

Council Motion: Accessible Streets

Thank you for your correspondence of 1 February 2023 to myself and the Leader of the county council, sharing your council's motion of 25 January in respect of accessible streets.

We share your belief that Burnley and Padiham, and indeed all of Lancashire, should be accessible for all and particularly those with additional accessibility needs. There is always though a need to ensure there is an appropriate balance between minimising street furniture and ensuring that the correct signage, street lighting and other safety requirements are met.

In respect of your specific requests of the county council, I address them below:

1. We will continue to ensure all highway works consider accessibility. We will look to prioritise footway accessibility improvements in the area, particularly on streets without suitable mobility crossing points. Any new pedestrian crossing points will have tactile paving, but we will not introduce these on any dropped kerbs which are for vehicular access. If there are any existing mobility crossings that would benefit from tactile paving, please let us know using the contact details at the end of this letter as we make these types of improvement each year.
2. We investigate locations where overgrown vegetation is reported as obstructing the highway. If we consider it is causing a safety concern, we will ensure it is cut back as soon as possible. This includes any vegetation growing from private land. We will continue to deal with these requests promptly, and we will continue to encourage residents to report these issues through our Love Clean Streets app.
3. We have no plans to introduce new electric vehicle chargers in the district at present but should we do so in future we will consider the most appropriate locations based on need and safety.

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4. We actively enforce obstruction of any dropped kerbs which provide pedestrian crossing facilities and will continue to do so. Footpath obstruction is a matter for the police.

Thank you for taking the time to share the deliberations of your council. If there are any locations of particular concern in the points outlined above, please send this information by email to highwaysdistrictlead@lancashire.co.uk and we will follow these up.

Yours sincerely



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Chief Executive and Director of Resources

cc County Councillor Phillipa Williamson, Leader of the Council

