

Press Release

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New Light Will Make Elderly Residents Safer

News that Staffordshire County Council are to install another street light in Royds Close Haughton has been welcomed by the Village's Councillor.

Barry Stamp, County Councillor for Haughton said he was delighted the Council had seen sense and had decided to install a second light in the road.

“Some weeks ago, as part of their ongoing upgrading of street lights, the County Council replaced the only street lighting in Royds Close in Royds Close, Haughton, with a new more energy efficient unit. However this new lamp does not give out the same amount of light as the old one which means much of this small cul-de-sac has been plunged into darkness. As Royds Close is a warden linked elderly persons housing scheme this lack of light means the residents are in danger of tripping and falling as they cannot see. Many residents are also worried about their own personal safety as they cannot see if anyone is hiding in the darkness. I am however pleased, that after much pressure, the County Council has recognised they have made a mistake and have now agreed another light is needed. My only concern now is the time it will take to get it installed, and I will be asking the Director of Development Services for his assurance that this work will be given a high priority. Without the light a real danger exists and I would hate to see an elderly resident tripping and injuring themselves because there has been a delay in getting the light installed,” said Barry Stamp.

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