

Press Release

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Would Be MP Calls on Government Cash For Town By-pass

Last week's closure of the northbound carriageway on the M6 motorway once again highlighted the need for an urgent review of Stafford's long awaited by-pass said the towns would be MP this week.

Barry Stamp said it was clear something needed be done to ensure the town was not brought to a standstill every time the motorway was closed.

"Long lines of traffic crawling along the Wolverhampton and Stone Roads are becoming an all too familiar sight in the town. However it is not only these main roads that are affected, as drivers try to find alternatives routes through surrounding housing estates. Last week John Amery Drive and Westway were also turned into race tracks. Not only was the traffic extremely heavy, but many drivers were travelling at high speed no doubt hoping to make up for lost journey times. In other parts of Staffordshire the Government has provided finance, as part of the County Council's Local Transport Plan to build or extend bypasses – but this is certainly not the case in Stafford. It does seem the County Town is allowed to suffer, while other areas get the funding. It really is time money is provided to complete the towns eastern bypass which would not only provide an alternative route for traffic when the motorway is closed but would also help to alleviate some of the traffic problems on Radford Bank and the Lichfield Road. Stafford cannot be allowed to grind to a halt every time there is an accident on the motorway and central government must be made to find the money for this much need road improvement scheme," said Barry Stamp.

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