

Press Release

**From Councillor Barry Stamp
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Eight Months Wait For New Street Light

Elderly residents of warden linked homes in Royds Close Haughton are still in the dark after waiting eight months for a new streetlight outside their homes.

“During the summer last year the only streetlight in Royds Close was fitted with a new lantern which left half the road in darkness. The County Council were quick to admit that this lack of light raised major safety issues for the elderly residents and that an extra light was needed as a matter of urgency. Indeed after constant reminders that the dark winter nights were about to set-in. I received, in early August, confirmation that the installation would be carried out within six weeks. Of course this deadline passed. Once again after being reminded that the elderly residents were in danger of tripping in the dark another promise was made that the light would be in place before Christmas. However another nine weeks have now passed since that date and still half the street is in darkness. I am appalled that the County Council have allowed the residents to struggle in the darkness for so long. Luckily the nights are now getting lighter, which does reduce the danger. It is only by good fortune that an accident has not occurred over the winter months. I have now asked the County Council to explain why this delay has occurred and when the work will be carried out. The elderly residents of Royds Close certainly deserve a better service than they are currently getting,” said Cllr Stamp.

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Notes To Editors

i) A photograph with Barry Stamp and some residents of Royds Close can be arranged. Please contact Barry on 01785 822723 to arrange.