

Royds Close Lighting Special - March 2006

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From Councillor Barry Stamp



Dear Resident,

I have just heard from the County Council that despite all their earlier promises the new light in Royds Close has again been delayed. They now say it will be installed within the next 8 weeks! The Council tell me the delay is due to the contractors being tied-up with emergency work. I do not accept this excuse, but rather think the money for the work has been spent on other things. With this in mind I have sent the following e-mail to the County Council.

Steve,

Thanks for your e-mail. I'm appalled with the response.

As you know the County Council changed the existing light in March 2005. This resulted in one end of the Close being left in darkness. I'm not sure if you were responsible for inspecting the Close at that time, but I have an e-mail from Colin Low saying a new light would be installed to overcome the danger of the residents tripping in the dark. I also have another e-mail from Colin dated 28th June 2005 confirming he had heard from ABB and they intended to install the light within 6 weeks. While I recognise that emergency work has priority, I cannot imagine that since last June all the work has been emergency! Indeed you told me that the light would be in before Christmas. I can only conclude that these previous dates were nothing more than pie-in-the-sky and given to myself and the residents of Royds Close to keep us quiet!

I would therefore be grateful for confirmation of when ABB was instructed to carry out the work in Royds Close by the County Council and your comments as to why the hazards faced by the elderly residents are not considered an emergency, especially as the situation was caused ABB and the Council themselves. I would also like a firm date when work is to be carried out, as it appears the residents can have no confidence in any previous general statement that work will start within weeks!

I can only hope that an accident does not occur to a resident before the new light is installed.

Cllr Barry Stamp
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I do believe we must keep the pressure on the County Council or the light will never get put in. As soon as I get a reply I will write to everyone again.

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