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**Chair of Transport and
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Re: Question Under procedure Number 32

Dear Councillor Jason Zadrozny,

'Any responsible Council should look at all options available to improve road safety for residents. Can the Chair explain then why, despite repeated requests this Council refuses to consider the installation of road safety convex mirrors to protect residents at dangerous junctions? This is despite the Government having allowed convex mirrors to be erected anywhere where they may reduce accidents. Will the County consider their position to help residents in danger - such as those at the dangerous Meden Bank / Fackley Road junction in Stanton Hill?'

Firstly, may I thank you for your question. The Government proposes to relax regulations on the use of convex mirrors but only where they would aid cycle safety at traffic signal junctions. The first 'Trixi' cycle safety mirror was installed at a traffic signal junction in London to give drivers of large left-turning vehicles better visibility of cyclists. The mirrors are named after a Swiss cyclist, 13-year-old Beatrix Willburger, who was struck and seriously injured by a left turning lorry. Her father has campaigned for their use across Europe.

There are no plans to extend the use of convex mirrors to any other type of highway visibility problem because of potential confusion for drivers. However, we will continue to review the usage and will take advice from the appropriate agencies on the future use of convex mirrors, as the safety of our road users including drivers, cyclists and pedestrians are of paramount importance to us.

Should you require any further information or if you wish to meet with me to discuss this further then please feel free to contact me using the details above.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kevin Greaves".

**Councillor Kevin Greaves
Chair of Transport and Highways Committee
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