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

'Ashfield is currently seeing an unprecedented growth due to the lack of a proper planning policy by Ashfield District Council, what is the Council doing to plan for a huge increase in population especially road safety and public transport?'

Dear Councillor Tom Hollis,

Firstly, may I thank you for your question. As part of the Ashfield Local Plan, Ashfield District Council commissioned a transport study which identifies the strategic transport infrastructure that would be required to support proposed housing growth in the district.

A detailed Transport Assessment is required to support each subsequent planning application which will need to address all the transport implications including likely impacts on road safety and public transport.

Officers of the County Council will assess the suitability of each Transport Assessment and ensure that highway mitigation measures and public transport services are provided by developers. It is important that the measures developed for mitigating each site are based on the broader strategic transport objectives of encouraging sustainability, maximising the use of public transport and encouraging non car modes of travel, whilst managing the existing network in a safe manner.

It should however be remembered that the final decision on planning matters rests with Ashfield District Council and the County Council can only make recommendations in this regard.

If you do require any further information or wish to discuss this further please feel free to contact me using the contact details above.

Yours sincerely

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