

**QUESTION NO 30**

**By Councillor Bruce for answer by the Convener of the Transport and Environment Committee at a meeting of the Council on 19 December 2024..**

Works took place recently to upgrade the Traffic Light system at the junction of Lanark Road West and Bridge Road in Balerno. Section 75 monies from new housing developments in Balerno of approximately £250,000.00 were used to complete this project.

Taking the above into consideration, please can the convener answer the questions below:

**Question** (1) Why did the Council not make it clear on the Weekly Roads report that this included narrowing of existing roads and extending pavements? (making it more difficult for vehicular traffic especially double decker buses and HGV's).

**Answer** (1)

**Question** (2) How much of the Section 75 monies are still available for the local area to make other improvements considering the additional need brought by building new housing developments in Balerno?

**Answer** (2)

**Question** (3) Assuming some Section 75 monies are still left to spend – what is the deadline for their use?

**Answer** (3)

**Question** (4) I received a number of complaints about the section of pavement that was extended on the east side of the junction due to a section of pavement pointing out in the road – did the contractors that took on this work contact council officers to raise a concern about this? If so, what was the council's response?

**Answer** (4)

**Question** (5) How many complaints were received from residents in Balerno about the junction before the works took place?

**Answer (5)**

**Question (6)** If the Council is intent on putting pedestrians at the top of the “Transport Hierarchy”, why has the Council not used the Section 75 monies to:

- (a) Complete the pavement from the bus terminus at Balerno to Malleny Millgate?
- (b) Complete the short section of pavement on Lanark Road West from the junction of Ravelrig Hill to the homes further up the road?
- (c) Replace the worn out and dangerous pavement on the west side of Mansfield Road from the Bus terminus to the junction of Harlaw Road?
- (d) Replace the many other pavements that are worn out and dangerous in the local area?

**Answer (6)**