

Question from member of the public – Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee, 18 March 2025

Question Number	Questioner	Question	Question to
PQ 1	Mr Jeremy Milln, Hereford	<p><i>A continuing source of irritation for residents and responsible parents in my ward (as elsewhere) is the habit of many at pick up time to wait outside schools in parked cars with their engines running. It is particularly a problem in the colder months as drivers seek to keep themselves warm. The practice is an offence under s.42 of the Road Traffic Act 1988 and contrary to rule 123 of the Highway Code but more particularly adversely affects the health of our children.</i></p> <p><i>How would this Committee seek to address this, perhaps through its work programme to raise awareness, press for safer active travel options for schools and if necessary seek to introduce enforcement as this is a stationary traffic offence within the remit of Herefordshire Council rather than the police?</i></p>	Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee
<p>Response: <i>Many thanks for highlighting this issue to the committee. Scrutiny of highways operations is a matter for the Connected Communities Scrutiny Committee. I will refer the issue you have raised to the chair of that committee. It will be for the Connected Communities Scrutiny Committee to decide whether it should consider this matter, and how to go about its work should it choose to do so.</i></p> <p><i>I would also recommend contacting the school directly with your concerns. Schools are ideally placed to respond quickly to such issues and to work with parents to reduce the incidence of such behaviour.</i></p>			