

## QUESTION BY MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC



**Question submitted by: Grace Stickland**

**To the Cabinet Member or Chair for: Cllr Coker**

**To be asked at the next (Council, Cabinet or Planning Committee) Meeting: Council**

**Date: 18<sup>th</sup> September 2023**

**Question (to be no longer than 50 words):**

Electric vehicles bring additional safety concerns in relation to Plymouth's Multi Storey Car Parks. Can the council advise if any surveys have been undertaken including, new fire risks and other associated risk assessments regarding electric vehicles using the car parks to reassure residents the car parks are safe to use?

**Will you be attending the meeting in person to ask your question?**

**Response:** ( for completion by City Council officers and Cabinet Members / Chairs)

Thank you for your question.

Whilst we understand there has been some focus of attention on electric vehicles following the tragic fire at Luton airport, it is worth pointing out that this fire started with a diesel-powered vehicle, which Bedfordshire's Chief Fire Officer then advised 'quickly and rapidly spread'.

There is a range of new and emerging guidance coming out in relation to car park design and fire safety guidance for electric vehicles, and Plymouth City Council will review all this information as it becomes available and consider how this can help inform how we deliver such services.

All of our car parks are subject to regular risk assessments which, in the case of fire safety, include looking at areas such as ensuring pedestrian routes remain clear and fire doors are routinely inspected. Following the Luton car park incident, we have had further inspections by the Fire Brigade, all helping to ensure we can continue to provide safe parking.