

Subject: Deteriorating Road Surfaces

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From: Chairman

To: Lainey Barker

Hi,

Referring to my last email where I question the quality of Wiltshire Council's pot hole filling criteria and are the repairs to the required standard and Wiltshire Council reasons for not filling all the pot holes at a given site is dubious

We have evidence in this Parish between Hurdcott Turning and Broken Cross of the breakdown of the road surface. Just over 10 days ago there was a team of Wiltshire Council workers removing fly tipping debris, closely followed by a team of pot hole repair people who filled only the largest reported pot holes. All the small pot holes or overruns were totally ignored. Needless to say those ignored small pot holes are now the cause of debris being flung across the road and are themselves large and dangerous and filled with water.

The Salisbury side of the A338 between Hurdcott and Broken Cross looks like the Somme, all the previous repairs included long stretches of metaling/tarmac road edge repairs are now broken up and with heavy rain is daily getting worse and more dangerous. We have complained about this site for years, I complained to Atkins when the road was relaid that the section on the bend was not excavated, compacted stone filled and then relaid, it was relaid on compacted mud and we are the not so proud recipients of poor product control.

I understand that we are not alone in the queue for repairs, but taking 3 weeks to attend a huge pothole reported 3 weeks ago in the Down Barn Road is scheduled for repair on the 15th January 2026. I would suggest that in the spring Wiltshire Council should have a period of reflection on the criteria of repairs and the quality issue.

It's amusing to note that Wiltshire is classed as at the top/green section of Councils Pot hole repairs list, possibility the quality of pot hole repairs is not included or considered

Kindest regards

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Chairman WPC