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**Council**

**24 April 2023**

**Questions from Members of the Council for Written Reply**

**1. From Cllr Alison Stammers to the Portfolio Holder for Transport, Highways and Road Safety**

Our Borough roads are beset with numerous deep potholes. Traffic going over them causes stone and chippings to be repeatedly thrown up on to the road surface and adjacent pavements causing a slip/trip/injury hazard to pedestrians and potential damage to vehicle paintwork and windscreens. In Albany Road, I understand such debris recently contributed to a resident breaking an ankle some two weeks after the debris being reported. The debris is not routinely removed from the road or pavements during the lifetime of the pothole, nor when it is filled in. It seems to be missed under the street cleaning regime. Can the Portfolio Holder assure us that more will be done routinely to clear our roads and pavements of this debris as well as to expedite the filling in of the countless potholes?

**2. From Councillor Mark Smith to the Chairman of Development Control Committee**

Could you please confirm how often the four respective Plans Sub-Committees have met in this municipal year?"

**3. From Councillor Mark Smith to the Portfolio Holder for Transport, Highways and Road Safety**

Recent press reports have confirmed that the Levelling Up Secretary (Michael Gove) has written to all local authorities in England expressing concern about elderly and vulnerable people being excluded if pay-and-display parking machines are scrapped.

In the light of this, could he confirm what steps are being taken to ensure that, in the Cabinet Minister's own words, "there are alternative provisions for parking payments available so that no part of society is digitally excluded" and that high street parking is not "solely available for those who have access to a mobile phone"?