

ECS PDS: 13th March 2024

Written Questions from Members:

Question from Cllr Alison Stammers:

What are the criteria by which it is decided that it is no longer economical/viable to keep filling potholes in a stretch of road, only to see them break open again in a matter of weeks or months?

Why when the new machinery was recently tested out on Perry Street, only a few of the deep potholes in the immediate area were attended to and others left untouched.

How can we apply for some of new DfT funding for resurfacing of roads in Chislehurst--beset with many or several repeat potholes?

Response from the Portfolio Holder for Transport, Highways and Road Safety.

The Council has a statutory duty to maintain the highway network in a safe condition and will always repair any potholes or other defects which meet the published investigatory levels. The level of reactive maintenance is considered when planned resurfacing is being considered, but with 539 miles of road equal to the distance from Bromley to Zurich, we clearly have to make tough decisions based on cost and resources.

The recent demonstration of the JCB Pothole Pro was time limited. The remaining potholes will be repaired by in the usual way.

The Council has been allocated £455,000 by the DfT. Details of how this funding is to be used is in the report on this agenda. The capital money will be used to resurface the roads most in need of repair. By all means draw officers' attention to roads in your ward but the decision as to which roads will be resurfaced must be based on the professional judgement of our engineers who are aware of the condition of all the roads in each of the 22 wards in the borough and not just those in Chislehurst.