

**RESPONSE FROM EAST SUSSEX HIGHWAYS REGARDING ISSUES
RAISED BY RESIDENTS AT THE HAILSHAM ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
(WEDNESDAY 25TH APRIL 2018)**

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Thank you for hosting East Sussex Highways at your recent Town Council Annual Meeting.

We have investigated the issues which were raised by Hailsham residents and town councillors, during the question and answer session, and I am pleased to provide some updates on these.

The local Highway Steward has inspected the condition of Mill Road and has identified a pothole requiring repair. There are currently no other issues which are causing a safety concern, in line with our Highways Inspection Policy.

The pothole reported on Ersham Road was inspected prior to the meeting and has been raised for repair. Both this and the pothole on Mill Road will be repaired within 28 days.

Following inspection of the drainage concerns on A295, Battle Road, and Vicarage Road, the Steward has noted that the drains on these roads are due for routine clearance in May. The Steward will reinspect these areas in wet weather, if flooding reoccurs, and has also recommended raising of the height of the kerbs, to prevent water flooding the footway outside the Methodist Church on the A295. Works to raise the height of the kerb will be considered against other works recommended across the county and a decision will be made as to its feasibility and urgency.

I have been advised by Derek Carter, the Project Director for the Hailsham Town Centre scheme, that further works were carried out on 1 May to resolve the phasing issues of the traffic lights at the junction of Vicarage Road, High Street, and Market Street, as reported by Councillor Collinson.

Regarding Councillor Coltman's concerns regarding the footway on Battle Road, the local Highway Steward has recently carried out a statutory walked inspection in this area. During the inspection, the Steward identified several areas of uneven footway requiring repair. These repairs have now been completed. No additional safety concerns were identified during the inspection. We will continue to monitor the path and will respond to any concerns regarding encroachment from the border hedge - which appears to be privately owned.

With respect to the problem with funerals and access to the church I believe that the Church Wardens are aware of this and have plans to open up alternative access to the church. Once this has happened there were concerns that there may be problems with hearses being able to park close to the church access. This can be reviewed if this becomes an issue.

Finally, with regards to the surfacing being removed from Ersham Way and not being replaced. There was no intention to replace the surfacing but we are looking at any further works that maybe required to ensure it is suitable for pedestrian use because there is no footway along this road. I will come back to you once we have determined if any further works are required.

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