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**Chair of Transport and  
Highways Committee**  
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**Re: Question Under Procedure Rule 39**

An additional £140m is being granted to Councils in England from the Coalition Government to repair roads damaged by the bad weather. A fund for areas with the most severely damaged roads will get an extra £36.5m - taking the total available to £80m. A further £103.5m will be shared between English councils for repairs. Can the Chairman of the Highways Committee reassure members that there will be equitable division of the additional funds coming to our County, that all areas will benefit and that unlike the last time money was granted from the Government for repairs it will not be spent in a manner that made out Council hit the headlines for all the wrong reasons?

Dear Councillor Jason Zadrozny,

I would firstly like to thank you for your question. Whilst the Government's additional funding of £1.5M for Nottinghamshire's roads is welcome, it is a long term increase and a certainty of highway funding that is needed to properly address the condition of our road network, rather than short term emergency payments.

I would also note that from the initial Government announcements of £30 million for local authorities in England affected by the severe weather and the £3.5 million transport element of the £7 million flood recovery package - none of this funding is available to benefit the residents and road users of Nottinghamshire as our floods occurred in July 2013 and not over this last winter. We have already written to the Rt Hon Eric Pickles MP Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government asking him to reconsider how this funding is devolved and for a fairer deal for Nottinghamshire.

Regarding Nottinghamshire's allocation of £1.5M of the £103.5M shared between Councils across the Country, a report will be taken to Transport and Highways Committee to consider how that will be invested across the County to help address the damage caused to our 2,500 miles of roads by the wet winter weather, which incidentally is causing the same level of damage to our road surfaces as the snow and ice have in recent years.

If you wish to discuss this further then please feel free to contact me using the details above.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kevin Greaves", written in a cursive style.

**Councillor Kevin Greaves  
Chair of Transport and Highways Committee  
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