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Chair of Transport and Highways Committee County Hall West Bridgford Nottingham NG2 7QP

Re: Question Under Procedure Rule 39

As announced in the Chancellors Budget statement last week, Nottinghamshire will be due a share of £200 million to sure up the deteriorating road surfaces. Can he assure this council that this will be distributed amongst the county fairly and will not take into account the depravation statistics of a particular area?

Dear Councillor Steve Carr,

I would firstly like to thank you for your question. The Government announcement you refer to in your question indicated that further guidance will be made available in the coming weeks on how Councils can bid for the new £200 million funding for the financial year 2014 to 2015.

We have a number of road surfaces in Nottinghamshire that are in urgent need of additional investment. The Government's requirement to divert our stretched resources into submitting a bid for additional funding is unnecessary and unhelpful. It would seem that the Government has clearly established a formula to make such allocations as they have already used it to allocate the additional £1.5M recently, but as of yet, they have not informed the Council of any such details.

However, when the Government does eventually announce the rules and bidding details, the Nottinghamshire proposals will be reported to the Transport and Highways Committee. I am more than happy to meet with you to discuss this further should you wish to do so.

Yours sincerely

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