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**Chair of Transport and
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Re: Question Under procedure Number 32

'Can I first of all thank Him and his head of service after their visit to Hucknall recently to see some of problems with our roads at the present time. We are grateful and it is much appreciated. Can the chairman tell me, much of the remedial work and repairs that is being provided at the present time to our roads is of different qualities I wonder if the chairman could explain why this is.'

Dear Councillor John Wilmott

Thank you for your question and thank you for giving me the opportunity to visit Hucknall with both yourself and Officers.

As you are aware, keeping our roads safe is of paramount importance to us, and you will also be aware of the savage cuts this council has received from Central Government, including a 40% reduction to our Transport and Highways budget. This means we have to find alternative ways to deliver services without impacting on the quality.

There are a number of different methods used to repair defects such as potholes. The deeper and larger potholes are repaired by cutting out the area around the pothole and replacing with a patch of new asphalt. This gives the appearance of a neat high quality repair. For smaller and shallower potholes a new material called Viatec is used which has similar properties to postcrete – the material comes in bags, is tipped into the pot hole, compacted with a hand rammer and then dries into a very hard surface in two minutes. The repairs are not as neat as asphalt patches but are of a very high quality and are in fact very long lasting.

I would once again like to invite you to meet with me should you wish to discuss this further or if you would like any additional information.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kevin Greaves", written over a horizontal line.

**Councillor Kevin Greaves
Chair of Transport and Highways Committee
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