

Drinkstone Parish Council, Highways

Report to the Parish Council Meeting Dated 3rd March 2025.

Agenda Item; Councillor portfolios

Pot holes and damage to roads

Residents have commented on the poor quality of recent pothole repairs. These repairs were long awaited after a promise from National Highways to fund repairs following the excessive rat-running from vehicles looking to avoid A14 roadwork delays.

I have written to Suffolk County Council Cllr Paul West, who has replied that the repairs are experimental and relate to small potholes (i.e. less than the 40mm depth criteria) that otherwise would not be repaired.

I have replied that this appears to be incorrect as the potholes are very large indeed and I provided photographic evidence complete with tape measures in shot.

Additionally the email to Paul West was cc'd to Peter Prinsley MP. The reason for doing so was to bridge the potential discontinuity as Peter has assumed office in place of Jo Churchill who (as previous MP) took an interest.

Overleaf is the reply from Peter Prinsleys' office.

Paul Selvey
Drinkstone Parish Council

10:01 AM (7
hours ago)



PRINSLEY, Peter (MP)

to me



Dear Paul,

Thank you for getting in touch and for providing details on the condition of Gedding Road and the surrounding areas.

We are fully aware of the concerns regarding road maintenance and have established a dialogue with Suffolk Highways to ensure these issues are being addressed. The inconsistency in repair quality and the impact of increased traffic due to A14 diversions are significant concerns, and we recognise the frustration this has caused for residents.

It is also worth noting that Suffolk is set to receive £11,739,000 in additional government funding for road maintenance in 2025/26, bringing its total allocation to £43,769,000. With this level of investment confirmed, we expect to see meaningful improvements in road conditions across the county, and we will continue to press for repairs that are both timely and durable.

Thank you for raising these points, and please do keep us updated on any further developments.

Best wishes,

Tom

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