

Council – 20th March 2024

Conservative Party Amendment to motion 7b – Getting the basics right: Road maintenance.

This Council notes that: 1. Pothole repairs by Amey and micro-surfacing treatments are often sub-standard, with uneven finishes, obvious potholes extremely close by left un-repaired, or grids blocked by microsurfacing.

2. Amey do not seal the perimeter of freshly repaired potholes with bitumen tape, to join the new surface to the old surface – leading to rapid breakdown. **There are modern methods of road repair that have been adopted by our partner Amey in other Council areas these methods should be adopted here.**

3. Residents of all ages, from young people with pushchairs to Council, older people who find walking more difficult, can feel unsafe walking on extremely uneven deteriorating pavements, hampering Trafford's Active Travel strategy.

This Council resolves to:

1. Conduct **systematic random spot** inspections of pothole repairs and microsurfacing treatments to ensure that work is carried out to higher standard – to ensure that ~~snagging~~ issues around grids and junctions are quickly addressed

2. ~~Ask~~ **Ensure** Trafford's **One Trafford Partnership & Amey's** contractors ~~to~~ improve the quality of their pothole repairs, including the use of bitumen tape, heat sealed around the perimeter of the repair, to seal the join between the old surface and the new surface to prevent rapid deterioration of repairs. **Utilise Trafford's share of the Greater Manchester's allocation of the 'Local Roads Resurfacing Funding' to procure modern methods of pothole treatment which has been demonstrated to increase both productivity and reduce cost per repair by up to 50%.**

3. Ensure that, when a road receives capital expenditure for significant re-surfacing work, the adjacent pavements either side are also assessed and, if necessary, resurfaced at the same time.

4. **Put in place a pro active road maintenance program utilising the 'Local Road Resurfacing Funding'.**