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Cllr Richard Roberts
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Dear Richard,

RE: Potholes in Watford

I am writing to you regarding the shocking number of potholes and poor road surfaces in Watford. These are a real blight and undoubtedly have an impact on the image of Watford and Hertfordshire. I am receiving a very high number of complaints from residents who are having to swerve to avoid these, people who have been injured by one them or whose vehicle has been damaged.

Fixing potholes is a high priority for residents and I believe that it should be a high priority for the County Council as well. People in Watford are fed up with the number and size of potholes on our roads and pavements. They are incredibly frustrated with the very poor condition of our road surfaces and pavements. This is really affecting the way they feel about the area in which they live.

The state of the road surface is also one of the most visual indications to residents of the service that councils are giving to residents. As you will be aware, road surfacing and pothole filling is the responsibility of the County Council and residents do not feel that they are receiving the service they pay for. The dedicated local councillors in Watford diligently report potholes and street surface issues but it is the county council that needs to deal with this increasingly urgent situation. I understand from colleagues that Hertfordshire County Council has recently received £3.9 million to fund pothole repairs. Can you inform me how much of this is going to be spent in Watford?

I would also like to invite you to Watford to take a look at some of the roads that have been affected and meet some of the residents who are disappointed at the lack of action. I hope that by seeing the situation and speaking with local residents you will be able to understand the way residents in Watford are feeling.

Yours sincerely,

Peter Taylor
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