

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING –19TH MAY 2016

**Question to Mr M Deaville
Cabinet Support Member for Highways and Transport**

By Ms. A. Spicer

Question

“Can the portfolio leader tell me the number of potholes there are in the Cannock Town Division. Furthermore, could the portfolio leader provide me with a schedule of works with dates and times detailing when all the outstanding potholes are to be repaired? Finally, can the portfolio leader publish the detailed schedule of works in the local newspapers so that residents are informed?”

Reply

There are currently 155 identified carriageway and footway patching defects in the Cannock Town division.

In terms of scheduled response times, as I have explained previously all highway defects, of whatever type and nature, are assessed for their severity, which is decided by considering a number of factors like the location, size and potential risk they pose to public safety. Any defect which poses an immediate risk is dealt with as a priority, and we aim to repair other serious defects within seven days.

In order to be as efficient and cost effective as possible those defects that are not considered to present a high-risk to public safety are grouped together with similar works in the area. Variables like the weather conditions and emerging new priorities elsewhere mean it is impossible to provide a precise scheduled date for these repairs, but currently over 50% take place within 60-days of being identified or reported.

Local members can track the status of any reported highway repairs by entering their unique reference number on the Council’s website.