



# ANDOVER TOWN COUNCIL

## Councillor motion

Which agenda is this motion for?	Full Council	Date of Submission	3 February 2026
Requested Date of meeting:	18 February 2026		
Title:	<b>Maintenance of Andover's Highways</b>		
	Proposed by: Cllr H Neate, Town Mayor	Seconder: Cllr K Bird	

Background, including relevance to the Council's mission statement and Business Plan

As set out in the Business Plan for 2025-27, Andover Town Council is committed to

1. helping make Andover a welcoming, safe, and well cared for town; and
2. engaging with Andover community stakeholders to provide targeted support for residents, taxpayers and businesses.

A cold start to January followed immediately by heavy rainfall in Storms Ingrid, Goretta and Chandra means that potholes and flooding are disrupting communities across Andover. Recent adverse social media comments and a spate of burst tyres do not contribute to making Andover a welcome, safe and well-cared for town.

Hampshire County Council (HCC) is the highways authority responsible for maintaining Andover's roads and is therefore a key stakeholder in serving the Andover community. HCC received a green score for road condition in the road maintenance performance ratings for 2025/26, with an overall score of amber, as did 81% of English local highways authorities. HCC advise that urgent safety risks are prioritised, particularly on the busiest and most important roads.

Central government's highways maintenance block formula 2026/30, published in December 2025, show that HCC has been allocated considerable capital funding to maintain and improve local roads across the county - £55m in 26/27, £63m in 27/28, £69m in 28/29 and £79m in 29/30. Funding is set out for a 4-year period. This gives local highway authorities greater

funding certainty, enabling them to better plan ahead and to move away from expensive, short-term repairs and to invest in proactive and preventative maintenance.

Proposed Resolution:

Andover Town Council resolves to:

1. write constructively to HCC for confirmation of:
  - a. the number of highway defects fixed in the Andover Town Council area in the financial year 2025/26;
  - b. which of the roads in the Andover Town area are the busiest and most important compared with the rest of the county;
  - c. What constitutes an urgent safety risk;
  - d. how much of HCC's capital funding for 2026/30 for maintaining and improving local roads will be allocated to Andover;
  - e. which Andover roads are scheduled for routine resurfacing and when?
2. delegates writing the letter to the Town Mayor and Town Clerk, copying it to the Rt Hon Kit Malthouse MP and relevant county councillors; and
3. publishes the letter on the Council's website.

Budget implications

There are no budget implications to sending the letter.

Risks and mitigations

Writing constructively to HCC as a key stakeholder in serving Andover residents mitigates any low risks of adverse publicity.

Proposer's Signature	
Seconder's signature	