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Dear Essex Highways,

I am writing on behalf of myself and the Chalvedon Neighbourhood Board for Pride in Place regarding the condition of roads within the Chalvedon area and the absence of planned pothole repair works within our neighbourhood.

Through recent community consultation and engagement, it has become apparent that residents would welcome a formal response regarding the current approach to pothole repairs and road maintenance within Chalvedon. While we are aware of the priority works identified and published by Essex Highways, it is concerning that no scheduled works are currently planned within Chalvedon's boundaries.

This perceived lack of investment has contributed to growing distrust amongst residents towards statutory organisations and their ability to ensure that local roads remain safe, accessible, and fit for purpose. Many community members have expressed concerns that the condition of road surfaces is deteriorating and that their concerns are not being adequately addressed.

Potholes present a significant safety risk to all road users, including motorists, cyclists, and pedestrians. In addition to the potential for accidents and injuries, poorly maintained roads increase the likelihood of vehicle damage, leading to avoidable repair costs for residents. For many individuals and families who are reliant on private vehicles as their primary means of transport, particularly in areas where alternative transport options may be limited, these costs can place an additional financial burden on households already experiencing the effects of the current economic climate.

On behalf of the Chalvedon Neighbourhood Board, I would therefore welcome clarification regarding:

- The criteria used to determine priority locations for pothole repairs.
- Whether any assessments have recently been undertaken within the Chalvedon area.
- Any planned or future maintenance works scheduled for Chalvedon roads.
- How residents can effectively report concerns and contribute to maintenance prioritisation.

We would appreciate a formal response that can be shared with local residents to help address concerns and promote confidence in the maintenance and management of our local road network.

Thank you for your time and consideration. We look forward to your response.

Yours Sincerely,
Jay Robinson,
Chalvedon Neighbourhood Board, Chair