

# Press Release

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## **Residents Warned To Expect Deterioration In State Of Roads**

Residents living in the Gnosall, Haughton and Church Eaton areas have been warned to expect a further deterioration in the state of their roads following the decision by the County Council to cut £1million from next years road maintenance budget.

Barry Stamp, Borough Councillor for Church Eaton Ward said he was appalled the Council had decided to make the cut in an attempt to overcome next years budget deficit.

“The poor state of roads in the Gnosall, Haughton and Church Eaton areas are top of the list of complaints I receive from local residents. Over the past few years there has also been a steady decline in the level of maintenance. However it now seems as if the situation will get even worse as the County Council have decided to cut £1million from their annual road maintenance budget. I do believe this is a short sighted step, as without adequate maintenance work the country roads will just get steadily worse and even more money will need to be spent repairing them in the future. With a reduced budget the highways department will have to decide which repairs should be carried out and which should be left, and I would not be surprised if the rural areas loose out in that particular lottery. Roads in the area are already causing damage to vehicles and there is a real concern that some are dangerous. Many residents in the Gnosall, Haughton and Church Eaton areas believe more money, not less should be spent on carrying out repairs,” said Barry Stamp.

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