

A40 Roadworks

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Dear Mr. Richmond,

The response from Balfour Beatty regarding a commencement date for the planned work to re-surface and make alterations to the A40 through Weston-under-Penyard was disappointing but predictable in present circumstances. The timetable had of course slipped before the 'lockdown' and it is obvious that a decision was taken by that company to down-grade this job in their priorities in favour of other outstanding work elsewhere in the County.

Whatever the reason may I ask on behalf of the many householders who live, as we do, within hearing distance of the potholes on the section between The Weston Cross and Penyard Gardens that an appeal be made to Balfour Beatty at least for temporary repairs to be carried out as a matter of urgency. They did respond positively to a similar request a couple of years ago and, although it lasted for only a few months, the result was an immediate reduction in the intolerable noise which is made currently by some drivers (not all) who allow empty agricultural trailers literally to bounce in and out of the craters which, because of their shape and position in the road, represent a danger particularly to motor cyclists; Such a temporary measure as suggested would take very little time and perhaps could be carried out during the period when the more extensive work is being conducted at Lea, which is adjudged to have a higher priority. It would have an immediate effect on the noise level, the volume of which really is quite terrifying.

I should be grateful if the matter could be brought to the Parish Council members' attention at their next meeting.

With thanks,

Peter Chester

PS: I would confess that I have a personal interest in this matter as my wife and I live very close to the worst potholes which are between Weston Park and the School Lane/Rectory Lane junction but, having asked around, I know that we are not the only residents affected.