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Dear Mike,

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LOCAL HIGHWAYS MAINTENANCE - FUNDING

As you know, potholes and wider highways maintenance issues remain high on the list of public concerns. That is why, ahead of this winter season, the Chancellor of the Exchequer announced in the 2018 Budget that the Government is allocating a further £420 million of new money in this financial year for local highways maintenance.

Ministers have decided to allocate £20 million to help support the maintenance of London roads and associated infrastructure. The funding has been shared by authority based on road length for which each Borough is responsible. Please note this funding is to support the repair of potholes, to keep local bridges and structures open and safe, and to aid other minor highway works that may be needed.

We expect your authority to use this funding for its intended purpose. We would also expect your authority to publish a brief but substantive note on its website by the end of March 2019, copied to the Department for Transport, setting out how the funding allocated to authorities earlier this financial year and this new extra funding have been utilised.

I know you will welcome this additional funding which will help support authorities to improve the condition of local roads. Well-maintained highways not only improve local productivity, road safety, air quality and the environment, but also encourage active travel.

JESSE NORMAN