

I am amazed my letter announcing the good news that Melrose Avenue should be repaired earlier rather than later has attracted criticism. The proposal to try to get the road repaired with a financial contribution from the housing developers, whose lorries have done the damage in the first place, got all party and officer support.

My hope is that we can continue to all work together to actually achieve that once the lorries have stopped using Melrose Avenue. The proposal is part of what is called the *Integrated Works Programme* for highways and will shortly go to the County Council Transport Panel and then its Cabinet for approval.

The proposal to bring the work forward was first made in a meeting in the Hertsmere Civic Offices when neither press nor public was present. The County Council is the Highways Authority and therefore it was my duty not only to push the proposal, but also let residents know of the good news by way of a letter, which I personally delivered to every house in Melrose Avenue, and gave a copy to the *Borehamwood Times*.

I was involved with residents in the original effort to get the mini-roundabout at the junction of Melrose Avenue and Furzehill Road, and a new road through the Furzehill School site, when it is developed, to take some pressure off Melrose. I shall continue to fight for the interests of all constituents whether they live in Melrose Avenue or anywhere else in spite of any sniping from the sidelines.

Yours faithfully,

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