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## West End Lane in Donhead St Andrew

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Dear Sandra,

Thank you for your email.

Yes, I have been conversing with Mr Richardson for some while over drainage issues in West End Lane, but not particularly about potholes – although there is obviously a link between the two. However Tim Woolford wrote to Mr Richardson on 23/03/16 advising that any potholes found should be reported on the MyWiltshire App and that the area coordinator had already inspected the site and raised work requests for several areas there. We are currently waiting for our contractor to schedule those works.

With regard to drainage, the site has a number of inherent issues due to a combination of spring ie groundwater, silt load and historical damage from utility companies. I have personally spent quite a lot of time investigating matters at this site over the years and recently and as a result believe it needs a number of drainage improvements to improve function ie upsizing and some re-routing of pipes, changes to catchpits and gullies and replacement of compromised sections. I have managed to get the central drainage team to visit the site to look at my proposals and have the site on my official list of drainage priorities in the area.

However the position of the highway and land drainage team is that they currently only have available funding for high speed roads and sites where residences have actually flooded and therefore they have told me that any scheme for this site, cannot currently rate as a priority. The works are far beyond the scope of local resources.

Carriageway conditions have clearly been adversely affected by all of the above, but consequently much as I too would like to see the road re-surfaced, that would not be sensible until the drainage issues have been addressed first.

With regard to both drainage and re-surfacing works, they both come under the heading of highway maintenance and therefore outside of the scope of the CatG meeting; however CABs are invited via Stephen Harris in the SW, to nominate a list of their priority sites for re-surfacing etc, which they initially did in early March ( a list of 5 which didn't include West End lane); however since then the SW board have apparently had second thoughts about some of the sites that our major maintenance team are currently working on, so I'm not clear where things go from there – probably best for both you and Clare to speak to Stephen Harris.