

Editorial

Our newspaper reports on the legal action being brought by local residents against the local council for the ‘inconvenience’ and ‘danger’ caused by poor road maintenance in the area.

It seems the real truth is that the council has conveniently avoided fixing the potholes in this particular area because of plans for a housing estate to be built nearby. Hence the building contractors would have to pay for the cost of repairing the roads. However, officials have said that the condition of the roads has only recently started to decline dramatically and that there are plans to implement repairs immediately. Could this sudden decision to repair the roads have more to do with the recent fall into one of the larger potholes by one of the street’s elderly residents? Residents have dismissed the council’s concerns over spending as ‘a choice between saving the pounds or saving a life’.

Isn’t it about time the local council reviewed their spending policy on road maintenance? Too much time and money seems to be spent on building new roads rather than repairing the existing roads and avenues. Any right-thinking person can see that building new roads does not solve the congestion problem, but can only add to pollution in the area. The local residents of Holly Tree Terrace and Meadow Garth are right to take a stand against the local council as this issue seems to have gone on long enough.