

Sunday Pothole Update by BW.

The Great Whittlesey Obstacle Course: Is Anyone at the Wheel?



It's time we stopped calling them "potholes" and started calling them what they actually are: evidence of systemic neglect. 🚗

Driving in and around **Whittlesey** lately has become a game of high-stakes Russian Roulette with our tyres and suspension. Whether you're navigating the B1040 or braving the A605, the "temporary" traffic lights have become a more permanent fixture than the actual road surface.

The Reality on the Ground (pun intentional!):

👉 The Repair "Cycle": We see a crew turn up, throw some cold-patch tarmac into a puddle, and leave. Three days later, the "repair" has washed away, leaving a deeper crater than before. Why is Cambridgeshire County Council opting for "patch and pray" rather than "fix it once"?

👉 The Damage Toll: Local garages are seeing a record number of cracked alloys and shredded tyres. There are daily reports of damage on Social Media. For many, a single commute now costs an unexpected £300 in repairs. This isn't just an inconvenience; it's a stealth tax on the people of the Fens.

👉 The Silence of the Council: Complaints to the Highways department seem to vanish into a digital black hole. We're told "it's the peat soil" or "it's the weather," but nearby counties with similar geography don't seem to have roads that resemble a lunar landscape.

The Hard Questions for Shire Hall:

❓ Budget Mismanagement: With millions allocated for "infrastructure," why is our maintenance backlog growing while vanity projects elsewhere get the green light?

❓ Lack of Oversight: Who is actually auditing the quality of these outsourced repairs? If a private contractor fails to fix a road properly, why are they being paid to come back and do it again?

❓ The Management Gap: We need to see the Highways team held to account. Is this a failure of leadership, or a deliberate policy of managed decline for our rural links?

Whittlesey deserves better than being the forgotten corner of Cambridgeshire. We pay our Council Tax in full—it's time we had a road network that doesn't require a 4x4 and a prayer to navigate.

👉 What's the worst stretch of road you've seen this week? Drop a photo and the location below. Let's document the decline that the Council refuses to acknowledge.

EDIT: I should clarify – the picture is AI generated and used for visual impact only, though I find it quite telling that so many people are willing to believe that it could be an actual Whittlesey road!

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Best regards,
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A Sunday morning (080226) parodythanks to BW & JF.

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