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Dear Resident,

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**Re: State of the roads around Longridge Way**

I am aware that there are several 'brick-based' roads around Weston Village that are beginning to become loose and are breaking. Usually when this happens, and it becomes dangerous, emergency 'patching' repairs are done using Asphalt.

Particular areas affected are:

- Vale Mill Way
- Longridge Way
- Part of Worle Moor Road (near Plumley Park)

I am keen to explore more long-term solutions to these problematic roads as it isn't, in my opinion, sustainable to continue to patch these roads, and is beginning to frustrate residents as this has been a persistent problem for years.

As you are near one of the affected roads, before I go ahead and press North Somerset Council to look into this issue, I particularly want to understand what your preference is regarding the replacement road materials.

Fundamentally there are two options:

**Option 1 – like for like replacement**

This would see the affected 'brick-based' roads replaced with like for like materials. The advantage of this would be the aesthetic around these roads would remain the same.

There are significant disadvantages though, such as: it would takes weeks to undertake the repairs meaning the roads would be partially/fully closed for some time; it won't eradicate the problem and the materials will still be susceptible to becoming loose in the future (although they should last for at least 10 years).

**Option 2 – Fully Asphalt the affected 'brick-based' roads**

This option would see the affected roads having the bricks removed and replaced with black Asphalt.

The advantage to this is the roads will have a significant life expectancy and would no longer become loose. Asphalting roads is also quicker so the roads would be closed for less time.

The disadvantages to using this material is it will be a departure from the current aesthetic as Asphalt is black.

### Letting me your know thoughts

I am asking residents to let me know their preference by 31<sup>st</sup> August so I can go ahead and start to discuss this with North Somerset Council.

There are several ways you can let me know your thoughts:

Via my councillor Facebook page. Fb.me/CllrCiaran	I have set up a poll where you can indicate your preference.
Via phone	07564 593 494
Via email	ciaran.cronnelly@n-somerset.gov.uk
In person	I will be in the reception of Hutton Moor Leisure Centre 6-8pm on Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> August
In writing	Town Hall, Walliscote Grove Road, Weston-super-Mare, BS23 1UJ

### Does this mean the roads will be repaired

This is the start of a conversation that I will be having with North Somerset Council about our roads at Weston Village but I need to go into those conversations with a fair idea of what residents want (hence this letter). I will continue to push for a longer term solution and I will update residents when I have further news to share.

At this stage I do not know how possible this will be within the council's current financial constraints, nor the timescales involved. Typically long-term road repairs/replacements are planned several years in advance – so even if North Somerset Council agree to undertake the repairs, it will be at least 18 – 24 months before they are fixed.

Kind regards



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North Somerset Councillor for Winterstoke Ward (Labour party)