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Dear Oliver

The High Street, Royston

Thank you for your email dated 27 February 2015, regarding the state of the paving on the High Street, Royston.

Unfortunately, the paving used on the High Street does not have sufficient edge restraint, and starts to deform under heavy loads or vehicle turning movements. This in turn, leads to adjacent areas becoming loose and sometimes lifting out. In the short term, we will be replacing the failed areas with bituminous surfacing as this is the best and safest short to medium term solution.

In the long term, we are going to programme a broader resurfacing project for the High Street, but this will take 3 to 4 years to go through the planning, design, and bidding process. This project is most likely to entail the removal of the setts in the carriageway (including the speed tables), and their replacement with traditional carriageway materials. The footways will still be paving slabs or setts. This combination of surfacing types will ensure that the area will be more robust and less of a maintenance liability going forward.

I hope that this explains our approach to the High Street area.

Yours sincerely



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