

**Public Question to Cllr P Keska, Technical Services Portfolio Holder**

“I wish to ask a question relating to the standing water at the junction between Honey Lane and Woodgreen Road, opposite the Primo Piatto restaurant, which has resided on the highway for the past twenty-five years, exactly the length of time I have been corresponding with Councillors, including Honey Lane ward, Thames Water, Essex CC ( Highways) and at least two Epping Forest MPs.

Currently the area resembles a standing pond, in places to a depth of 5-10mm and in the past three weeks a huge hole has appeared in the road which presents a significant hazard to all road users. The area looks a disgrace, but after twenty-five years I think people have forgotten how the area should look. Perhaps Local maps should be amended to depict a small pond, rather than a highway. I predict serious injury will result sooner rather than later.

My question to the Council, pertaining to the above is how much longer can you ignore this significant hazard to motorists? I have been told for twenty-five years it is not the Council's responsibility, however, are you really going to refuse an issue which is all Epping DC resident's responsibility, as it relates to reporting a significant health and safety hazard. In tandem to the latter, after twenty years of trying, should I, Mr Hansen simply give up trying to resolve?

Regards  
Mr C Hansen.”