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1. Question by Councillor Enever to the Lead Member for Transport and Environment

Rushey Hill is part of the A259 between Peacehaven and Newhaven. Stabilisation works are required, as the road was built on unstable ground. The road surface is now fracturing and cracking and this is likely to get worse as more heavy vehicles use the road to serve the Southern Water Sewerage Plant and the Lower Hoddern Farm development.

Approximately one year ago it was said that the County Council was exploring options for delivering the Rushey Hill scheme. Could I please be told the current status on the funding for this scheme and the urgency which the County Council are giving it? Also, when the programme of works is going to be carried out to repair the road in the interim, until the Rushey Hill stabilisation scheme is initiated?

Answer by the Lead Member for Transport and Environment

The County Council continues to explore options for delivering the Rushey Hill stabilisation scheme on the A259. We have not been successful in securing funding in the past 12 months, but continue to look for further opportunities to bid for suitable funds when they arise. In the meantime, the road continues to be regularly inspected to ensure it is safe for use.

There are maintenance works due to take place in autumn this year to prepare the road for a surface dressing treatment next year. This seals the road to prevent water ingress and provides improved skidding resistance.