

LDC & ESCC January 2024 Report
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December and January had a high rate of reports on road and footways. Some to do with flooding and maintenance. Others to do with overgrowth on cycle and footways.

Of particular concern while weather gets chillier is the surface water at the bottom of Church Lane (coming from the middle of the road) which will be subject to freezing. So I'm advising residents to take it easy leaving the 30mph zone to avoid losing control.

I've had a very interesting visit to Lansdown Secure Childrens Home in Hailsham. Previously outside my experience how our children (the County Council is what is described as a corporate parent) who need to be in a secure centre for their own or others' safety are looked after and given educational opportunities. The facility has been extensively refurbished and has largely new team now promises to be a welcome offer to our own and other local authority children.

The local transport plan is subject to some internal discussion and look set to make comments shortly. If the Parish Council have any key points they would like me to address in my group's submission please let me know. A couple of areas I think might be of interest and which I wish to highlight are: the impact of transport and traffic on residents. There is much discussion of safety much from a driver or traveller perspective. The Resident needs to get heard. The other area is around freight. There are several mentions in the document about freight and provision for freight but I was under the understanding from our mtg with the team that freight was to be handled through a 'Freight Strategy' subsequent to the Local Transport Plan, later this year. Dealing with some aspects here means we are not looking at the whole picture and our concerns about a freight network and rerouting away from villages onto trunk roads may be missed unless we comment on this aspect. Additionally, area wide 20mph zones are not proposed.