

Leashaw – Update from DCC 30/4/24

Firstly, to start with Lea Road, as in my previous email update mid-month, and as you'll have seen on site, we have carried out some investigations and interim resurfacing works on the movement on Lea Road, which was about 500m down from the previous slip repaired a few years ago.

The resurfacing went well and whilst investigations will continue in that area, and it is as previously discussed an area of noted historic movement and landslips, we are content the resurfacing works have resolved the issue for the current time.

To then move on to Leashaw and the slip/ongoing road closure, the next stage is to get on site to do the geotechnical ground investigations, which will then confirm the design/proposed solution which has been worked up so far. A contractor has been appointed to do this, pending formal procurement, and this project has been agreed so it's now planned to be on site in the summer (June 2024 - tbc). As previously discussed, this is considered to be the best time to do the investigatory works weather and ground condition wise. In the meantime, we have secured permission from the relevant landowners downslope to access the land to undertake these geotechnical investigations, and are liaising with Severn Trent too to confirm their permission.

The geotechnical works on site are being funded by DCC. In terms of the final solution, it's still too early to know a final cost estimate for these, but we have continued to raise the issue and need for landslip remediation funding with the new Combined Authority and with Government, which we will continue to do. I know some people in the village also raised this with the press and BBC EMT over the last few weeks, which will hopefully also be a positive way to raise the issue.