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Cllr Michael Bennett-Sylvester  
Elected Member

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Dear Cllr Bennett-Sylvester

**Question at Council – Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2026**

Thank you for your supplementary question raised at Council on 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2026 where you stated that the damage from cars on grass verges demonstrated that support was needed from central government to bring estates up to date. Since there was no capital programme regarding this at the Council, you asked if I could urge Central Government to look into funding for grass verge repairs and to bring older estates up to date.

You raised an important point about the quality of our neighbourhoods and the potential for investment from Central Government to help bring some of our older estates up to date, with a particular focus on addressing damage to grass verges caused by vehicles.

I promised to write to Government to raise this issue on behalf of the Council and I have attached a draft of the letter which I intend to send to the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government (the Rt Hon Steve Reed OBE MP) on this issue in the coming days.

I hope you find this information helpful.

Yours sincerely



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