

**Question from Mr C.J. Grover, Bromyard**

**Bromyard Household Waste Site**

As the members of the Council are aware several million pounds of the long term Waste Disposal Contract were spent between, I believe, 1999 and 2002 upgrading sites throughout the county. The Bromyard one in particular provides an excellent service to the local community. It has however one major drawback which is the deteriorating condition of the approach road which is in an extremely bad state of repair and a disgrace for any self respecting organisation. Nobody has made any attempt to carry out maintenance in the last six years although one or two potholes on probably the best part were filled in with concrete a couple of weeks ago.

The official response from the Chairman of Planning and local Ward Councillor is that the road is owned by different people and it is therefore too difficult to do anything until the UDP is finally approved and the site will be improved. I would say from the date of this question it would be very optimistic to quote two years for this improvement even to start. This site road is pounded at least three times a week by the heavy skip trucks and will continue to deteriorate. It is amazing that none of the three owners of the road have ever been approached by the Council concerning maintenance since the site was built.

Clearly there is a difficulty over ownership and the degree of responsibility the Waste Disposal firm has but the question is how much longer are the Council prepared to ignore the situation since they chose the site and are, as we ratepayers see it, ultimately responsible?