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Previous Reference Documents:

210325-Doward Ring Road\_Road Condition-K.Gilmore  
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SUBJECT: CONDITON OF ADOPTED ROAD / RISK TO PEDESTRIANS AND DAMAGE TO VEHICLES

Dear Ed, Bruce,

I hope this message finds you both well. I am writing to follow up on my previous correspondence from 6th April, as well as my follow-up email sent on 22nd April. I would greatly appreciate any updates you may have on the matter and the additional data provided to you as referenced.

To assist with your ongoing data gathering, I would like to share evidence of community support for this issue, to ensure it is viewed as a collective concern, not just an individual one.

Attached as Annex A is a summary of the results from a recent online petition regarding the condition of the Doward Ring Road. Over a period of six days, the petition garnered 184 signatories, all of whom are regular users of this section of the road. While this figure may seem modest compared to other petitions, it's important to understand the context: the petition was circulated through a closed group network, primarily targeting local residents and those with direct access to the platform. Given that, the response rate reflects a significant portion of the people directly impacted by the road's condition.

For additional context, I would also like to share that I have personal experience in this field. In my previous role, I was the named, accountable individual within an arms-length government body responsible for delivering publicly funded major infrastructure projects exceeding £1.3bn. I understand firsthand how challenging it can be to apportion spend accordingly, and respond to numerous public inquiries in a timely manner. I also recognise how these tasks can become more complicated, time consuming and burdensome when such questions are formally submitted under the Freedom of Information Act. I remain mindful of

the pressures council officers face, balancing multiple priorities with limited resources. However, given the scale and importance of this issue, it may soon be appropriate for me to consider formally escalating and tracking this matter through that Act, to ensure progress is being made to the benefit of those affected.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. I look forward to your response and hope we can find a way forward soon.

Yours sincerely,

Karl Gilmore

**ANNEX A – Affected Properties Serviced by Doward Ring Road****Petition Launch date: 22/04/25****Stats: 184 signatories over 6 days.****Petition Context:**

The Doward Ring Road in Great Doward, Ross-on-Wye has been subject to significant deterioration, posing a serious safety risk to residents, commuters and all other road users. The condition of the road is leading to concerns about the potential for accidents, as well as causing unnecessary damage to motor vehicles. This petition calls upon the local authority to take immediate action to address these issues.

The roads in and around Great Doward are critical to the daily lives of its residents and are essential for ensuring the smooth functioning of local businesses and services. However, the current state of the Doward Ring Road reflects a lack of maintenance and oversight. Potholes, uneven surfaces, and crumbling edges are not only hazardous to vehicles but can also lead to accidents that endanger lives.

Implementing an annual maintenance regime is a sustainable and necessary solution. Regular inspections and timely repair work can significantly extend the lifespan of the roadway and reduce the long-term costs associated with emergency repairs. Many towns across the UK have successfully adopted similar measures, demonstrating improvements in road safety and reductions in maintenance costs.

Statistics from RAC Foundation highlight that road defects contribute to a significant number of motoring accidents across the UK each year. Proactive road maintenance can prevent such incidents from occurring on our local streets.

We urge the local authority to allocate necessary funding and resources to ensure that the Doward Ring Road is maintained to respectable standard. This action is essential not only for the safety of the road users but also for preserving the community's quality of life.

<b>No.</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>City</b>	<b>Postal Code</b>	<b>Signed On</b>
1	Karl Gilmore	Great Doward, Ross on Wye	HR9 6BP	22/04/2025
2	Ruth Johnson	Great Doward, Ross on Wye	HR9	22/04/2025
3	Mary Woollard	Great Doward, Ross on Wye	HR9	22/04/2025
4	Freya Jarrett	Great Doward, Ross on Wye	HR9	22/04/2025
5	Lucy Hughes	Whitchurch	Hr9 6dj	22/04/2025
6	Jo Dickens	Great Doward, Ross on Wye	HR9	22/04/2025
7	Anna Ernsting	Whitchurch	HR9 6DW	22/04/2025
8	Mark WILLIAMS	Hereford	HR4	22/04/2025
9	David Creed	Great Doward, Ross on Wye	HR9 6BP	22/04/2025

10	Lauren Gilmore	Great Doward, Ross on Wye	HR9	22/04/2025
11	C C Fairbairn	Great Doward, Ross on Wye	HR9	22/04/2025
12	Cat Malbon	Great Doward, Ross on Wye	HR9	22/04/2025
13	Andy Steadman	Great Doward, Ross on Wye	HR9	22/04/2025
14	Toby Dickens	Hereford	HR96DN	22/04/2025
15	Alan Ayling	Great Doward, Ross on Wye	HR9	22/04/2025
16	Ruth Broadbent-Whyte	Great Doward, Ross on Wye	HR9 6BP	22/04/2025
17	Nik Furniss	Great Doward, Ross on Wye	HR9	22/04/2025
18	Paul Taylor	Great Doward, Ross on Wye	HR9	22/04/2025
19	Janet Thomson	Great Doward, Ross on Wye	HR9	22/04/2025
20	Heather Foulkes	Great Doward, Ross on Wye	HR9 6EA	22/04/2025
21	Paul Lambert	Great Doward, Ross on Wye	HR9	22/04/2025
22	Helen Temple	Great Doward, Ross on Wye	HR9	22/04/2025
23	Helen Bone	Great Doward, Ross on Wye	HR9	22/04/2025
24	Mr Sken Kaewpadung	Great Doward, Ross on Wye	HR9	22/04/2025
25	Caroline Hicks	Great Doward, Ross on Wye	HR9	22/04/2025
26	Graham Hassall	Symonds Yat	HR9 6BW	22/04/2025
27	caitlin jarrett	Great Doward, Ross on Wye	HR9	22/04/2025
28	Hafsa Bi	Great Doward, Ross on Wye	HR9	22/04/2025
29	Anton hook	Great Doward, Ross on Wye	HR9	22/04/2025
30	Lesley Hurst	Symonds yat west	HR9	22/04/2025
31	Sara Part	Great Doward, Ross on Wye	HR9 6DY	22/04/2025
32	Tyler B	Great Doward, Ross on Wye	HR9	23/04/2025
33	Colin Harvey	Cheltenham	GL50	23/04/2025
34	Niki Lillette	Great Doward, Ross on Wye	Hr96bp	23/04/2025
35	Fi Boston	Great Doward, Ross on Wye	HR9	23/04/2025
36	Simon Lord	Great Doward, Ross on Wye	HR9	23/04/2025
37	CHRISTIAN LILLETTE	Great Doward, Ross on Wye	HR9	23/04/2025
38	Andree Davies	Great Doward, Ross on Wye	HR9	23/04/2025

39	Jancis Walker	Great Doward, Ross on Wye	HR9	23/04/2025
40	Greg Meikle	Great Doward, Ross on Wye	HR9	23/04/2025
41	sharon pearce	Great Doward, Ross on Wye	HR9	23/04/2025
42	Matthew Morgan	Great Doward, Ross on Wye	HR9	23/04/2025
43	G M Baker	Great Doward, Ross on Wye	HR9	23/04/2025
44	Cheryl Franklin	Ross on Wye	HR9	23/04/2025
45	David Starkey	Great Doward, Ross on Wye	HR9	23/04/2025
46	evelyn reade	Great Doward, Ross on Wye	HR9	23/04/2025
47	David Johnson	Ross on Wye	HR9	23/04/2025
48	Becky Higby	Symonds Yat	HR9 6BW	23/04/2025
49	Kuldip Dhanday	Great Doward, Ross on Wye	HR9	23/04/2025
50	Mark Delaney	Great Doward, Ross on Wye	HR9	23/04/2025
51	Karen Edkins	Great Doward, Ross on Wye	HR9 6BP	23/04/2025
52	Mark Simons	Great Doward, Ross on Wye	HR9	23/04/2025
53	Bryan Mason	Ross on Wye	HR9	23/04/2025
54	Kerrie Mason	Ross on Wye	HR9	23/04/2025
55	Lisa Pitman	Great Doward, Ross on Wye	HR9	23/04/2025
56	Stew Cooper	Herefordshire	HR9	23/04/2025
57	Martyn Jones	Great Doward, Ross on Wye	HR9	23/04/2025
58	Micha Kingston	Doward Park Campsite	Hr96bp	23/04/2025
59	Julia Hubbard	Whitchurch	HR96BP	23/04/2025
60	Stuart Wyley	Great Doward, Ross on Wye	HR9	23/04/2025
61	Wayne Daley	Great Doward, Ross on Wye	HR9	23/04/2025
62	Andrew drake	Great Doward, Ross on Wye	HR9	23/04/2025
63	Jen Thomson	Great Doward, Ross on Wye	HR9	23/04/2025
64	Hannah Hughes	Ross on Wye	HR9	23/04/2025
65	Sajid Mahmood	Great Doward, Ross on Wye	HR9	23/04/2025
66	Stephen Mita	Great Doward, Ross on Wye	HR9	23/04/2025
67	Justine Bold	Great Doward, Ross on Wye	HR9	23/04/2025
68	Martin Cogger	Ross on Wye	HR9	23/04/2025
69	Elissa .	Great Doward, Ross on Wye	HR9	23/04/2025
70	Michelle Creed	Ross on Wye	HR9	23/04/2025
71	Sam Allen	Birmingham	B16	23/04/2025

72	Nicola Rolinson	Great Doward, Ross on Wye	HR9	23/04/2025
73	Onete Costa Penny	Cardiff	CF5	23/04/2025
74	Christine Jarrett	Herefordshire	HR96BP	23/04/2025
75	Nigel Barker	Ross-on -Wye	HR9 6BP	23/04/2025
76	Stephen Kingston	Great Doward, Ross on Wye	HR9	23/04/2025
77	Jim Middleton	Ross on Wye	HR9	23/04/2025
78	Ellie Hill	Great Doward, Ross on Wye	HR9	23/04/2025
79	Helen Vaughan	Cardiff	CF14	23/04/2025
80	J H	Drybrook	GL17	23/04/2025
81	Natasa Macovii	Great Doward, Ross on Wye	HR9	23/04/2025
82	Toby Beasley	Whitchurch, Herefordshire	HR9 6BP	23/04/2025
83	Carl Cotrell	Ross-on-wye	HR9 6BN	23/04/2025
84	Rhys Jones	Great Doward, Ross on Wye	HR9	23/04/2025
85	Steve Thomas	Cheltenham	GL50 2RE	23/04/2025
86	Susan Johnson	Great Doward, Ross on Wye	HR9	24/04/2025
87	Ryan Simões-Hibberd	Great Doward, Ross on Wye	HR9	24/04/2025
88	Shân Williams	Gloucester	GL2	24/04/2025
89	Cheryl Wheeler	Birmingham	B44 8te	24/04/2025
90	Dave Crossley	Great Doward, Ross on Wye	HR9	24/04/2025
91	Lesley Rimington	Great Doward, Ross on Wye	HR9	24/04/2025
92	Samuel Bevan	Great Doward, Ross on Wye	HR9	24/04/2025
93	Dean Mudenda	Great Doward, Ross on Wye	HR9	24/04/2025
94	Melvyn Jarrett	Great Doward, Ross on Wye	HR9	24/04/2025
95	Daniel Larson	Great Doward, Ross on Wye	HR9	24/04/2025
96	Ekow Mantock	Great Doward, Ross on Wye	HR9	24/04/2025
97	Lois Stoate	Newport	NP19	24/04/2025
98	cara martin	hereford	hr2 7le	24/04/2025
99	Sim Kaur	Bristol	BS6	24/04/2025
100	Emma L	Great Doward, Ross on Wye	HR9	24/04/2025
101	Vivienne Shelley	Great Doward, Ross on Wye	HR9	24/04/2025
102	MICHAEL MCCANNON	Great Doward, Ross on Wye	HR9	24/04/2025
103	Rebecca Moroney	Great Doward, Ross on Wye	HR9	24/04/2025
104	Emma Sanger	Ross on Wye	HR9	24/04/2025
105	Emile Winkler	Great Doward, Ross on Wye	HR9	24/04/2025

106	Olivia Powles	Penrhyndeudraeth	LL486AE	24/04/2025
107	Cecile Johnson Soliz	Bridgend	CF31	24/04/2025
108	Hamid Hamza	Great Doward, Ross on Wye	HR9	24/04/2025
109	Shirley Wilder	Grove	SE12	24/04/2025
110	Kim Starbuck	Bristol	BS31 2DQ	24/04/2025
111	Alison Brown	Ross on Wye	HR9	24/04/2025
112	Isabel Curtis	Great Doward, Ross on Wye	HR9	24/04/2025
113	Stephen Peel	Great Doward, Ross on Wye	HR9	24/04/2025
114	Kevin Parker Parker	Ross-on-ye	HR9 6BN	24/04/2025
115	Paul Talbot	Cardiff	CF5	24/04/2025
116	Rosie Auty	Great Doward, Ross on Wye	HR9	24/04/2025
117	lee evans	Great Doward, Ross on Wye	HR9	24/04/2025
118	Amy Harris	Cardiff	CF5	25/04/2025
119	Sofja Melnika	Birmingham	B23	25/04/2025
120	Kirstie King	Symonds Yat	HR9 6BL	25/04/2025
121	Andrew Richards	Great Doward, Ross on Wye	HR9	25/04/2025
122	Peter Davis	Great Doward, Ross on Wye	HR9	25/04/2025
123	P Lamb	Great Doward, Ross on Wye	HR9	25/04/2025
124	Sue Gray	Great Doward, Ross on Wye	HR9	25/04/2025
125	Kate Usher	Ross on wye	Hr9 6dz	25/04/2025
126	John GILL	Cardiff	CF11	25/04/2025
127	Gary Gray	Great Doward, Ross on Wye	HR9	25/04/2025
128	Deborah Hamlin	Great Doward, Ross on Wye	HR9	25/04/2025
129	Leighton Gilligan	Great Doward, Ross on Wye	HR9	25/04/2025
130	GRAHAM WILKIN	Great Doward, Ross on Wye	HR9	25/04/2025
131	Jeremy Hughes	Ross on Wye	HR9	25/04/2025
132	Jessica Curtis	Royal Leamington Spa	CV31	25/04/2025
133	SHAUN MEADOWS	Great Doward, Ross on Wye	HR9	25/04/2025
134	Bruce Heywood-Bell	Cwmbran	NP44	25/04/2025
135	Peter Kelsall	Symonds Yat West	HR96BN	25/04/2025
136	Darion McCormick	Merthyr Tydfil	CF48	25/04/2025
137	Zoe Williamson	Great Doward, Ross on Wye	HR9	26/04/2025
138	Mohammed Ebrar	Great Doward, Ross on Wye	HR9	26/04/2025
139	Eve Beattie	Ross-on-ye	HR9 6DJ	26/04/2025
140	Jessica ~	Great Doward, Ross on Wye	HR9	26/04/2025



141	Amanda Baines	Great Doward, Ross on Wye	HR9	26/04/2025
142	Justin Morgan	Bath	BA21SA	26/04/2025
143	Mark Kelly	Great Doward, Ross on Wye	HR9	26/04/2025
144	Rachel Sealey	Great Doward, Ross on Wye	HR9	26/04/2025
145	ian watson	Great Doward, Ross on Wye	HR9	26/04/2025
146	Judith Gill	Great Doward, Ross on Wye	HR9	26/04/2025
147	Masai Thompson	Great Doward, Ross on Wye	HR9	26/04/2025
148	Claire Newton	Coleford	GL16	26/04/2025
149	Ava Moran	Great Doward, Ross on Wye	HR9	26/04/2025
150	Nanette Gregory	Great Doward, Ross on Wye	HR9	26/04/2025
151	Janet Probets	Bristol	BS11	26/04/2025
152	jill davies	Longhope	gl17 0QT	26/04/2025
153	Lynwen Brown	Ross-on-ye	HR9 6BP	26/04/2025
154	Eric Tranter	Birmingham	B20	26/04/2025
155	Jenny Beddis	Great Doward, Ross on Wye	HR9 6DU	27/04/2025
156	Janie Miller	Cardiff	CF83	27/04/2025
157	Lisa Smith	Coleford	Gl168ql	27/04/2025
158	Malkit Deogon	Great Doward, Ross on Wye	HR9	27/04/2025
159	Julie Waugh	Great Doward, Ross on Wye	HR9	27/04/2025
160	connor potts	Great Doward, Ross on Wye	HR9	27/04/2025
161	Matt Ryder	Lechlade	GL7 3AT	27/04/2025
162	theresa donnelly	Birmingham	B13 0JT	27/04/2025
163	Isobel Peralta	Sapperton	GL7 6LP	27/04/2025
164	Dee Pruce	Great Doward, Ross on Wye	HR9	27/04/2025
165	Emma Cottrell	Great Doward, Ross on Wye	HR9	27/04/2025
166	Leah Ngala	Cardiff	CF14	27/04/2025
167	Sanah Hussain	Birmingham	B15	27/04/2025
168	Julie Beer	Bristol	BS8	27/04/2025
169	Terry White	Great Doward, Ross on Wye	HR9	27/04/2025
170	Michelle Evans	Great Doward, Ross on Wye	HR9	27/04/2025
171	Theo Borek	Great Doward, Ross on Wye	HR9	27/04/2025
172	Jamie Fenton	Great Doward, Ross on Wye	HR9	27/04/2025
173	Angela Sidhu	Great Doward, Ross on Wye	HR9	27/04/2025



174	Rosemary Swift	Great Doward, Ross on Wye	HR9	27/04/2025
175	Gill <sup>7</sup> Suttle	Ross in Wye	HR9 6DZ	27/04/2025
176	Christine Grégoire	Bristol	BS8 3DU	27/04/2025
177	James Levy	Birmingham	B17 9en	27/04/2025
178	Cheryl Keatley	Symonds Yat west	HR96BW	27/04/2025
179	Bernice G	Great Doward, Ross on Wye	HR9	27/04/2025
180	jasmine loveridge	Great Doward, Ross on Wye	HR9	27/04/2025
181	Sayda Mehrabin Shejuti	Great Doward, Ross on Wye	HR9	27/04/2025
182	Trevor PHILLIPS	Great Doward, Ross on Wye	HR9	27/04/2025
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184	Christina Starkey	Great Doward, Ross on Wye	HR9	27/04/2025

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