

Hi Jo,

Please see the answers to the questions below.

1. General Condition of Cherry Tree Lane, Primrose Green, Lyng Road, Collins Green Road, and Cadders Hill

Parish concern: All roads suffer persistent deterioration, lack of passing places, dangerous edges, and repeated pothole failures.

- We acknowledge the poor condition of several rural lanes in Lyng and recognise the challenges caused by high traffic volumes and constrained road geometry.
- Our inspection records confirm regular defects and repeat interventions in these locations. While reactive patching keeps the network safe.
- In the short term, we will continue safety-critical repairs to ensure the roads remain open and safe.

2. Lack of Passing Places / Narrow Widths

Parish concern: High hedges, no verges, no passing bays; difficulty for residents when meeting HGVs.

The rural lane classification limits the scope for widening without land acquisition, but we can assess whether formal passing places could be created in the most constrained locations.

- This would require environmental checks and landowner engagement and funding via a Parish Partnership bid.

3. Speed Restrictions and Weight Limits

Parish concern: No speed limit, no weight restrictions; heavy traffic using unsuitable rural lanes.

- Speed limits and weight restrictions must meet national criteria. Previous assessments did not meet the required thresholds.

4. Patch Repairs Reappearing Quickly

Parish concern: Up to 240 patches in 300 yards; potholes re-forming due to heavy traffic and weak structure.

- Patching is necessary for immediate safety, but we recognise it is not a long-term fix.

5. Drainage Issues

Parish concern: Poor drainage causing potholes to enlarge rapidly.

- Our drainage team will carry out a site investigation to identify blocked grips, culverts, or areas of insufficient runoff.
- Where feasible, we will cut new grips or contact landowners about blocked ditches. 90% of ditches fall under riparian responsibility and would expect the parish to make contact first.

6. Increased HGV Traffic from Local Businesses (MPH, TMA Bark, etc.)

Parish concern: Dramatic increase in 20-tonne lorries using rural lanes, especially since A47 works began.

- The impact of A47 diversions is acknowledged; we are liaising with National Highways on mitigation where local roads are carrying displaced traffic.

7. Dangerous Junctions (Cherry Tree Lane / Primrose Green & Primrose Green / Lyng Road)

Parish concern: HGVs cutting across corners; poor visibility; verge destruction.

- We will inspect both junctions to consider:
 - Visibility improvements
 - Road markings or warning signs
- Short-term verge protection and signing may be installed if assessments confirm risk. This would need funding via the parish partnership.

8. Option to Reopen the Stone Road Lyng Road Link

Parish question: Could reopening this section reduce HGVs using Primrose Green and Cherry Tree Lane?

- This restriction was introduced due to safety concerns when MPH expanded, and any change would require:
 - Updated safety audits
 - Surface improvement costing assessment
 - Consultation with local residents and businesses
- We are open to reviewing the feasibility, but significant works would likely be required for it to carry HGV traffic safely and with this being while the A47 works are taking place it would not be feasible.

Norfolk County Council Highways appreciates the detailed submission from Lyng Parish Council. We share your concern regarding the ongoing pressures on the local road network. In response to the concerns raised, we have recently allocated significant funding to deploy one of our contractors to undertake repairs in the areas you have highlighted. Pothole repairs and surface defect investigations are currently in progress, and crews will continue working through these routes to address the issues you and other residents have identified.

Regarding the overgrown hedges obscuring road signs, we will arrange for a team to inspect the affected locations. As around 90% of roadside hedges are the responsibility of adjacent landowners,

Thank you again for bringing these issues to our attention. We are committed to ensuring the safety and usability of the highway network, and I appreciate your patience while we work to address the challenges created by the A47 diversion.

If you have any further concerns or notice any locations that require urgent attention, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Kind Regards

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