

Leashaw landslip update

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The council had a meeting with Dethick, Lea and Holloway Parish Council on Wednesday 5th February 2025 to update them on where we are with fixing the landslip.

Firstly we want to say that we do understand how frustrating this continuing closure is for everyone locally.

As you may remember originally Severn Trent were looking to make the repairs, but since late 2023 they passed the issue back to the county council.

We've since been working on potential solutions, which is complex due to ground and site constraints. After a period of ground testing and investigation last summer, work is now complete on the preliminary detailed designs and costings of the work needed to rebuild and then reopen the road to vehicles.

The next steps, which are now starting, are to work with a pre-contractor to support the final design and construction scheme, whilst also carrying out any negotiations needed for the land that might need to be used to carry out the fix, as well as continuing discussions with Severn Trent about their large water pipe in the area.

The proposed scheme, which has been backed up by the tests and extensive ground work done last year, is for a mini-piled solution, which will then support a new retaining wall where the slip occurred and support the reconstructed road.

The anticipated cost of the project is £1million and it is proposed to start the works as soon as possible, but this will probably be in the summer of 2026. As the work needs to take place over the summer period, again due to ground conditions, whilst we will try to start on site sooner, and this year if possible, we want to be honest that it may be the summer of 2026 before works can start.

We will of course keep the local community updated with the milestones we're working through as we work towards starting on site.

Clearly too this is a significant project with a significant cost to match. As we have highlighted recently in relation to other landslips, in Derbyshire we don't get any funding specifically for landslips, despite currently managing over 200 landslips in the county. Therefore, any landslip repairs we carry out currently comes from our wider highways budget.

Whilst we are therefore now committing to the above predicted costs and to fix the landslip at Leashaw in line with this, we are doing all we can to lobby both the Government and the new regional Mayor for funding to fix this and other major local landslips.

Please note, if you need to contact us regarding damaged diversion signage we can still be emailed on highway.structures@derbyshire.gov.uk.
