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I have tried to read and digest the implications of these changes to no avail, so cannot reasonably comment on them.

However, I am still firm in my belief that the LTC is the biggest White Elephant of a proposed road project in the UK. It will drain the economy NOT boost it. At a mini Public Update Event earlier this year I was told that the road surface material would be low noise quality and that the life expectancy of this product is approx. 5 years, after which it would need resurfacing. Am I the only person who thinks this is crazy?

The aging UK Strategic Road Network is in appalling condition due largely to the type and number of vehicles using the roads. Many of our roads need Rebuilding, NOT merely Repairing or Resurfacing, in order to withstand the size, volume and nature of the traffic. The £Billions due to be wasted on the LTC would be better spent on rebuilding and bringing our Strategic Road Network and Local Road Network back to usability. There would be less risk of accidents and possible injury or risk to life if the roads were in good condition. Damage to vehicles would be reduced and journeys would undoubtedly be safer and more reliable. Please feel free to spend hours driving throughout the south east and beyond to get some measure of the appalling condition and just how dangerous our roads are due to this.

Yours sincerely, Mrs. Jackie Thacker