

Hi,

This is my personal response on the roads consultation, I was on the ORR website to look at Track Access Agreements when I saw the consultation on roads.

If you are going to monitor road then the lowest quality are usually the local authority ones. What we need is action to fill in pot holes and resurface poor roads not fancy plans to build new roads.

I think the ORR should monitor the number of pot holes and amount of resurfacing work required on all roads not just the major routes. I would expect there is actually far more use of the non-major routes than the major routes and the poor road conditions (and poor or non-existing pavements and cycle routes) are much more likely on Local Authority roads. Plus the ORR could monitor the number of times utilities dig up the roads how long they are left unfinished and the quality of the repair and have powers to heavily fine (out of shareholders dividends) poor performers.

They should also look at the damage caused by heavy goods vehicles, buses and coaches and see if there is sufficient recovery from these operators for road damage, including non UK operators. Also will the ORR be enforcing good standards of vehicle maintenance which seems to be abysmally low?

Regards,

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