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## **RAC responds to LGA potholes warning: long-term approach needed to tackle the crisis**

**Commenting on a warning today from the Local Government Association (LGA) that 2017 could be a 'tipping point' for councils when it comes to potholes, RAC roads policy spokesman Nick Lyes said:**

“This analysis provides a stark reminder of the dire state of the UK’s local road network and ominously shows that things look set to get worse over the coming years unless urgent action is taken. The RAC’s Pothole Index revealed that [the number of pothole-related breakdowns attended by our patrols doubled between 2006 and 2016](#), leaving motorists with a large repair bill. Typically, this included damaged shock absorbers, broken suspension springs and distorted wheels.

“Most journeys begin and end on a local road so good quality local roads are essential for motorists and businesses alike. Poorly maintained roads are not only expensive and frustrating, they also pose a safety risk for cyclists and motorists, with some cyclists forced to swerve to avoid potholes.

“The RAC’s [2016 Report on Motoring](#) revealed the condition and maintenance of local roads was the issue of top overall concern for motorists and a recent RAC survey showed there is overwhelming support (92%) for the ringfencing of some motoring-related taxation to go towards improving the condition of local roads. We would urge the Government to take a long-term, strategic approach to tackling this crisis, which provides local authorities with greater funding certainty so they can undertake the necessary maintenance and preventative action.”

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At the forefront of new solutions for business fleets and consumers, the RAC's breakdown service is electric-ready with mobile EV charging technology and can be called on using [myRAC](#) – the all-in-one route planner, fuel finder and breakdown reporting app.

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