

Council denies 'creating more time' to fix road repairs

Pothole report dates are 'being changed' claim

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Council highways bosses have denied that they are changing pothole report dates to give them more time to make repairs.

They were responding to a complaint from town councillor Sue Ferguson.

She reported potholes on the A28 in Tenterden, near the junction with Turners Avenue, on January 20, and received a job repair number.

But when the same potholes were reported by someone else on February 1, she received an "inquiry resolved" notification, although the repairs had not been done.

Cllr Ferguson said: "Why has Kent Highways amalgamated the two reports? Is it to give them more time to do the repairs?"

A Kent Highway Services (KHS) spokesman said: "We absolutely do not start a new report date as described. "The amount set aside for



Cllr Sue Ferguson and the potholes on the A28 Ashford road near Turners Avenue, Tenterden



severe weather pothole repair is £3 million and the turnaround time is currently within 28 days."

KHS said on Twitter to Cllr Ferguson that the potholes had been reported by someone else so her report had been closed

as a duplicate. Cllr Ferguson is insisting that her original report is reopened.

One of the potholes near Turners Avenue is listed for repair by KHS between today (Thursday) and Monday.

Meanwhile, Tenterden's sink hole on the recreation ground has grown. Deputy town clerk Angela Patrick said: "It is almost double the original size. It is all cordoned off while our staff continue examining it."