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Opposition Criticism of Roads is Opportunistic

It is obvious to everyone in Gibraltar that our roads are subject to considerable wear and tear on a daily basis both by local vehicles and by traffic coming in through the border. It is also clear that the Government has resurfaced roads in different parts of Gibraltar as part of its on-going programme and that it will continue to do so.

However, the issue is not that there is no programme of works, the issue is that there are too many vehicles in Gibraltar.

There are over thirty two thousand vehicles registered in Gibraltar. Thousands of these make use of our roads on daily basis. In addition to this, some 7000 vehicles cross the border every day. Many of these are heavy goods vehicles, trailers and large trucks. These add to the wear and tear of our roads.

The Government has invested over £8 million on our roads. This investment will continue. There was, for example, a major renovation of Rosia Road over the last few months from its junction with Scud Hill to New Mole House. It would be chaotic to improve all our roads at the same time, which is why this needs to be done in an organised and planned manner.

Therefore, the Opposition are as usual being unfair and opportunistic in their latest criticism when they know full well that this is a problem which has affected different Governments over the years.