

Infrastructure spend 'drop in the ocean'



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The Prime Minister's announcement of a £5 billion infrastructure spend is a 'drop in the ocean' that would fill less than half of the potholes in England and Wales, GMB says,

The one-off cost of clearing the backlog on [England and Wales's pothole-ridden local roads](#) is estimated to be **£11.14 billion**

The cash injection would pay for just 25% of a new nuclear plant, based on the cost of Hinkley Point C.



Jude Brimble, GMB National Secretary, said:

“Five billion sounds like a lot – but in infrastructure terms it’s just a drop in the ocean.

“It wouldn’t even meet half the cost of filling in the potholes in England and Wales.

“To get our economy back on its feet we need a proper recovery plan based on sustained infrastructure spending targeted to create and keep good quality jobs.”

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