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Sir,

Re: Trips and slips on pavements costing council (Boston Target 18 August)

Lincolnshire County Council should be congratulated for its approach and dedication to repairing dangerous pavements and preventing needless injuries.

Pavements left in disrepair can be hazardous and lead to injuries which can affect a person's life in ways which are not explained in headlines and statistics. It is wrong to suggest that a person injured through another's negligence should forgo his right to full and fair redress. Unavoidable accidents are a fact of life, but injuries which result from someone else's neglect or carelessness are another matter.

Government statistics suggest that claims of this nature have, in fact, fallen over the past ten years. If more councils were to adopt Lincolnshire's approach, the cost of paying compensation and the human misery of needless injury would continue to fall.

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