

1 Executive Summary

Highway Maintenance describes the processes adopted to prolong the useful life of network assets by slowing down their deterioration. From the moment an asset is built or repaired it begins to deteriorate by various actions such as traffic and the weather. The aim of maintenance is to undertake repairs and protective measures that are designed with due consideration for safety, serviceability and sustainability, within the resources available, to limit the effects of any deterioration and so prolong the life of network assets.

The County Council aims to meet these objectives by managing the network in a manner which increases safety, meets the needs of all network users and maintains its condition and asset value.

The intention of this Highway Network Management Plan and County highway maintenance is to:

- Set the maintenance policy for the highway network, within Derbyshire.
- Ensure the network is safe for all users.
- Comply with and enforce statutory obligations.
- Promote the County Council priorities as set out in this plan.
- Establish the principles by which an effective use of maintenance expenditure can be achieved.
- Identify the standards that local people should expect.
- Highlight the key issues affecting the maintenance of the County's highway network.

This plan when complemented by other policy documents referred to establishes principles of highway maintenance for:

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| ● Carriageways, Footways, Cycleways,
Greenways, Verges and Highway Structures
and Rights of Way. | ● Surveys and Inspections. |
| ● Routine and Structural Maintenance. | ● Road Lighting. |
| ● Winter Service. | ● Traffic Signals. |
| | ● Traffic Regulations. |
| | ● Emergencies. |

This plan does not cover trunk roads or motorways, which are the responsibility of the Highways Agency or roads within the city of Derby, which are either the responsibility of Derby City Council or the Highways Agency.

