

## Preface

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I am pleased to introduce our Derbyshire Highway Network Management Plan. Transport touches all our lives. It affects not only commerce, recreation and the environment, but lifestyle as a whole by bringing great social, economic and regeneration benefits.

Derbyshire County Council produced the last edition of its 'Policy and Standards for Highways Design, Construction and Maintenance' in 1981, which has been maintained (to a degree) since that time. However many changes and advances in maintenance techniques, technology, legislation and environmental awareness have led to the need to update the format and amend the document to reflect current practices as outlined in new national guidance titled the 'Code of Practice for Maintenance - Delivering Best Value in Highway Maintenance' published in July 2001.

Derbyshire's topography ranges from Kinder Scout in the open moors of the Peak District at over 600m above sea level down to the Derwent Mouth in the floodplains of the Trent Valley at approximately 30m above sea level.

Derbyshire's adopted Highway Network ranges from High Speed Dual Carriageways to minor Rural Roads, which currently consists of 671km of 'A' Roads, 474 km of 'B' Roads, 1,299 km of 'C' Roads and 2,658 km of Unclassified Roads totalling 5,102 km.

Derbyshire's precautionary salting routes total 2505 km.

This Highway Network Management Plan will better prepare us for the future challenges in maintaining and protecting the valuable highway network assets for the benefit of all users of Derbyshire's highway network.

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Brian Lucas  
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