

Draft Derbyshire County Council Highway Asset Management Policy

1. Derbyshire County Council recognises the importance of Derbyshire's local highway network. The Council is committed to applying asset management principles to the management of the local highway network and recognises how the network supports the delivery of services and achieving the overarching Council vision and transport goals.



2. Derbyshire County Council is committed to good asset management of highway infrastructure for the benefit of both current and future generations. It is recognised that asset management principles enable informed decisions to be made with regards to:
 - funding of both improvements and maintenance;
 - cost effective resource targeting to achieve the greatest benefit; and
 - improved risk management associated with the Council's statutory duties.
3. Through Derbyshire County Council's Local Transport Plan (LTP3), the Council has developed a series of local transport objectives which further support the delivery of the Council's vision and required duties. The Derbyshire County Council Highway Infrastructure Asset Management Strategy (HIAMS) will support the achieving of these objectives as described in the following:

Supporting a resilient local economy

The HIAMS will provide an approach to asset management that should provide the optimum levels of planned maintenance activities over the lifecycle of highway assets. This should allow for greater coordination of works and the reduction of disruption such as road closures or temporary traffic management. This will allow for improved and sustainable network availability and reliability, supporting the movement of people and goods that are key for the local economy. The reputation of an efficient highway network may help attract businesses to the local area.

Tackling climate change

The HIAMS will set out the framework of how assets will be prioritised and costs will be considered over the lifetime of an asset, by exploring efficient ways of working we will maximise value over the life of the assets and minimise wastage of materials. It will also outline the use of sustainable methods of approaching highway maintenance which will again minimise waste and landfill.

Better safety, security and health

Road safety initiatives to help reduce road traffic collisions will be supported by an effective HIAMS. An effective HIAMS will also prioritise investment where it can most make the difference; an example of this would be investment into heavily used footways which can encourage people to walk, potentially improving users health. Adopting asset management principles should ensure more resilient surfaces which can encourage a great number of cyclists. This will support the Derbyshire Cycle Plan 2015-2025 which aims to double the number of cyclists within Derbyshire by 2025.

Promoting equality of opportunity

In using asset management principles, to ensure that the local highway network is properly maintained, will ensure ease of movement for all people and support services that are required within Derbyshire.

Improving quality of life and promoting a healthy and natural environment

The approach taken by the Council to asset management will ensure that highway assets support the local economy and the delivery of services, taking into account the performance of the asset over a longer period. This will allow optimum delivery of new infrastructure that will have a positive impact on the lives of local people, subject to political approval.

Derbyshire County Council will commit to managing its assets in a sustainable way to ensure that works on the highway will have no negative impact on the natural environment, such as carriageway reconstruction in line with good environmental management practice.