

Highway Maintenance

- Covers all features in the highway, e.g. footways, roads, street lights, trees, verges, drains, signs, road markings, street furniture, festival decs, etc.
- Statutory obligations on the Council.
- Safety of the public is paramount.
- Influenced by Local Transport Plan (LTP) criteria, national guidelines and Codes of Practice (CoP).
- Council has adopted a Transport Asset Management Plan (TAMP).



Highway Asset Management

- TAMP sets out maintenance strategies.
- Prioritisation of works is based upon asset management approach.
- Condition surveys undertaken – various types ranging from visual inspection to testing by machines (e.g. Deflectograph survey).
- Focus is currently on principal routes, which affect most users – and also linked to the LTP.
- Generally “worst first” approach due to limited funding.



Safety Inspections

- In addition to condition surveys, statutory safety inspections carried out periodically.
- Identifies “urgent defects” – criteria defined by Codes of Practice (e.g. pothole depth).
- Not all defects meet criteria.
- Limited funding means we cannot attend to many non-urgent defects.
- However, details are recorded for future potential maintenance schemes.



Highway Improvement Opportunities

- Maintenance generally funded from revenue and capital maintenance allocations.
- Council takes advantage of other funding opportunities to improve highway condition wherever possible.
- Examples include Integrated Transport Programme (Quality Bus Corridors), City Centre Development Project, External Grants (NGP, Sustrans, ERDF), Local Environmental Works.



Stoneygate Ward Area

- Major footpath improvements to Evington Road undertaken in 2007.
- Ashover Road & Tavistock Drive surface dressed in 2008.
- Evington Road / Hamilton Street Pedestrian Crossing Facilities scheme proposed for March 2010.
- Mere Road footway works – January 2010.
- Other streets have been identified for Surface Dressing in 2011/2012 – subject to funding.

