

Highway funding and priorities

With the limited funding we have, we are doing the best we can to keep the roads in good repair and make them better for everyone.

Our extra £30 million highway investment programme is gradually improving the borough’s roads, but we must continue to prioritise repairs based on available funding and other key factors.

Each year we spend around £3.5 million on highway resurfacing schemes. We also spend about £1 million per year on preventative maintenance to keep more roads in good repair and reduce the number of potholes forming in the future.

Like all councils we have limited funds and can’t fix all road defects at the same time. To resurface every road in our borough would cost around £300 million!

Prioritisation

Road defects that are a threat to safety are always prioritised first. Lower risk repairs are prioritised based on:

- Road type
- Size of defect
- Road position
- Number of highway users
- Whether we already plan to fix the issue as part of a larger scheme

By prioritising repairs consistently, we can ensure we maintain the highway fairly and that we spend our limited funds wisely.

Transforming travel

Via the Greater Manchester Combined Authority, we also get UK Government funding for sustainable travel improvements. This funding must be spent on highway schemes that improve the network for public transport, walking, wheeling and cycling.

