

Cambridgeshire County Council

Policy for Highway Asset Management

1. The County Council recognises the vital role played by Cambridgeshire's local highway network in supporting the authority's [vision and its three strategic priorities](#).
2. The County Council is committed to making the best use of its budgets, and advocates an asset management approach for the maintenance of the county's local highway network, in order to help deliver the best long term outcomes for local communities.
3. An Asset Management Strategy will set out how Highway Infrastructure Asset Management will be delivered in Cambridgeshire. This strategy will take into account current and projected financial pressures and will explain how available funds and resources should be utilised to maximise their benefit.
4. Through its Local Transport Plan (LTP3), in order to further support its vision and duties, the County Council developed a series of local transport objectives. To help meet these objectives, the Council's Asset Management Strategy will seek to:

Enable People to thrive, achieve their potential and improve their quality of life:

The adoption of an effective Asset Management Strategy will support the development of an effective transport system that helps facilitate a high quality of life, by meeting the needs of the individual, whilst remaining responsive to the changing needs of businesses and the local economy. This approach will ensure that the condition and performance of transport assets are enhanced and continuously monitored, in order to help optimise planned maintenance programmes.

Supporting and protecting vulnerable people: An effectively maintained local road network will ensure that those people in most need of access to local services have the best ease of movement, whilst also facilitating the support to vulnerable people within their own communities. In addition, an effective Asset Management Strategy will support the delivery of road safety initiatives, to help to reduce road traffic accidents.

Managing and delivering the growth and development of sustainable communities:

Adopting an Asset Management approach will ensure that highway infrastructure assets support the delivery of services and the local economy, taking into account the long term performance of the asset. It will support initiatives to deliver the optimum community infrastructure for new and existing communities, subject to political approval.

Promoting improved skill levels and economic prosperity across the county, helping people into jobs and encouraging enterprise:

The Councils approach to Asset Management will provide the most optimum levels of planned maintenance activities over the lifecycle of all asset types. This will allow the effective coordination of works to reduce road closures and their impacts, as well as providing maximum network availability and reliability, which supports the forward visibility of planned maintenance works.

Meeting the challenges of climate change and enhancing the natural environment: The Asset Management Strategy will set out a framework that will provide an integrated transport system that minimises costs over time, maximises value to the community and environmental contribution, whilst keeping people healthy and supporting lower carbon transport choices. The Strategy will also facilitate sustainable solutions and treatments, minimising waste and landfill. Sustainability is central to our approach to highway maintenance.