

Equality Impact Assessment



Hampshire
County Council

Highway Network Hierarchy

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Description of current service/policy

Hampshire County Council's current carriageway and footway hierarchies are based on the Well Maintained Highways: A Code of Practice (2005). All highways maintained at public expense in Hampshire are assigned a hierarchy category based on their importance relative to the entire highway network. The hierarchies in turn determine the highway safety inspection frequencies that are undertaken across the highway network.

Hampshire County Council as the Highway Authority in Hampshire provides a comprehensive highway inspections process. This is covered under policy 'HW4 - Routine and Reactive Maintenance' contained within Hampshire County Council's Highways Maintenance Management Plan.

Geographical impact: All
Hampshire

Description of proposed change

In October 2018 the new Well Managed Highway Infrastructure: A Code of Practice was published. The new Code recommends a risk based approach to all aspect of highway maintenance policy and has provided Local Authorities with the flexibility to define their own network hierarchies and assign their own highway safety inspection frequencies accordingly.

Hampshire County Council have undertaken a major review and developed risk based hierarchies and highway safety inspection frequencies that align more closely with local needs and priorities and ensure full compliance with the new code of practice.

Impacts of the proposed change

This impact assessment covers Service users

Engagement and consultation

Has engagement or consultation been carried out? Yes

The network hierarchies and highway safety inspection frequencies were developed in consultation with a diverse group representing multiple departments and services across Hampshire County Council, as well as the South East 7 Local Authority Group and external consultants.

Statutory considerations	Impact	Mitigation
Age: Neutral		
Disability: Neutral		
Sexual orientation: Neutral		
Race: Neutral		
Religion and belief: Neutral		
Gender reassignment: Neutral		

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Marriage and civil partnership: Neutral		
Pregnancy and maternity: Neutral		
Other policy considerations	Impact	Mitigation
Poverty: Neutral		
Rurality: Neutral		

Neutrality statement (if all considerations have a neutral impact)

The recommendations relate to policy and process and will not themselves directly affect levels of service. On this basis, it is not thought that this decision will have an impact on any groups with protected characteristics.

Any other information