

Hampshire County Council Policy for Highway Asset Management

Hampshire Highways considers that effective Highway Asset Management is a key factor enabling the delivery of Hampshire County Council's corporate outcomes, namely:

- Hampshire maintains strong and sustainable economic growth and prosperity
- People in Hampshire live safe, healthy and independent lives
- People in Hampshire enjoy a rich and diverse environment
- People in Hampshire enjoy being part of strong, inclusive communities

It is recognised that a good transport network is essential for a successful economy and society for Hampshire. Our roads provide access to; jobs, services, schools, get goods to the shops and allow us to make the most of our free time. Our local roads are at the heart of the transport network and have a key role to play in ensuring that transport in Hampshire delivers the services our residents both want and need. With these thoughts in mind and the corporate outcomes identified above, The Economy, Transport and Environment Department and Hampshire Highways with its Aims and Objectives for 'Moving and Shaping a Prospering Hampshire', has developed its Highway Asset Management Policy and Strategy.

Highways are safe, well maintained and resilient. Our priority is to provide a safe, well managed, maintained and more resilient highway network for all who use it. We will make every effort to understand current and future requirements for the highway infrastructure, understanding the needs of the asset and those of the people who use it. To deliver this, we will continue to seek our stakeholders' views, provide levels of service and prioritise maintenance to maximise safety and provide resilience.

Our adoption of highway asset management considers the many varying and sometimes opposing needs of the highway network ensuring, as far as possible, that maintenance investment decisions are affordable and prioritised appropriately.

The highway network and transport systems support the economy and are accessible to all. We will make the best use of our natural mineral resources, whilst minimising waste going to landfill. In addition, we will enable the delivery of high-quality strategic approach to development and regeneration in Hampshire allowing continued economic growth.

Our adoption of asset management will; deliver sustainable solutions that minimise waste and landfill, and ensure that investment in existing and new infrastructure provide solutions which benefit all that use the network both at a local and national level.

Travel is safe, accessible and well-managed. We fully recognise the vital role transport has to play in Hampshire's vitality and will endeavour to maintain and improve access to education, employment and rural services, as well as widen travel choice through public and community transport, supported by reliable and safe journeys on our transport network.

Our adoption of an asset management approach will enable greater value for money to be delivered by taking a long term view on investment decisions. This approach will improve accessibility for all and maintain Hampshire's environment and heritage by ensuring the right investments decisions are made on the transport network.