

Network North Roads Resurfacing Fund



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Made possible by reallocated HS2 funding.

In October 2023 the Government announced additional allocations for a 'Roads Resurfacing Fund' made possible by reallocating HS2 funding. A total of £215k of additional funding has been made available to Luton Council for each of the 2023/24 and 2024/25 financial years.

For information on the additional highway maintenance works that have already been delivered and, will be delivered in the 2024/25 financial year using this funding and the additional Budget 2023 allocation please see the plan below.

Network North Highway Maintenance

1. As part of your plan, please summarise from your plan the additional resurfacing and other work either completed in 2023/24 or scheduled in 2024/25 using the additional funding in Budget 2023 and the further funding confirmed online.

This should set out:

- **the total volumes of additional work already completed and due to be completed by March 2025 particular roads, communities, or locations that have already benefited from it, or that are due to benefit from it;**
- **the further additional work that will be completed during 2024/25 – again setting out both expected total volumes of additional work (eg miles of road resurfaced) and where it is planned**

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Tower Way	Road Resurfacing	£14,064.41	435	Improved carriageway condition

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Farley Hill	Road Resurfacing	£52,890.31	1,650	Improved carriageway condition
Bristol Road	Road Resurfacing	£45,875.90	856	Improved carriageway condition
Various Locations	Carriageway Maintenance	£44,500		Pothole patching
Marlin Road	Road Resurfacing	£107,019	3,407	Improved carriageway condition
Carfax Close	Road Resurfacing	£26,063	530	Improved Carriageway Condition
Brunel Road	Road resurfacing	£129,262	2000	Improved carriageway condition

2. How the authority is introducing innovation in the delivery of highways maintenance (e.g. the use of new equipment or software) and where it plans to go further.

The Council has used some of the latest high-definition imagery to understand in detail the condition of its road network before it starts planning works. This also enables the highways teams to target specific sections of roads when possible, saving on precious new road materials, reducing carbon and saving money.

We have also recently started trialling AI to aid our routine inspections of the highway network. This AI will assist in keeping a log of all highway assets as well as their condition and alert the Highway Maintenance Team when an asset has been damaged.

3. How the authority is using its street works and other powers to ensure that resurfacing works are not undermined by repeated digging up of the same road by utility companies.

Our Streetworks team has regular meetings with various utility companies where they try to plan utility works around the resurfacing programmes & other major highway works, in order to prevent repeated digging up of roads where possible. Although we do not have the powers to prevent emergency repairs to utility apparatus, we do use powers under Section 58 of the New Roads and Street Works Act 1991 to prevent utility companies from carrying out planned maintenance works within three years following any major highway works.

4. The total amount of investment in the maintenance of local highway networks for the most recent 5 years (i.e. for the years 2019/20; 2020/21; 2021/22; 2022/23; and 2023/24) and planned investment for 24/25. Authorities should summarise both total expenditure and total DfT grant funding.

	Total DfT capital grant funding (excluding Integrated Transport Block)	Total amount of capital investment in the maintenance of local highway networks (including both council and DfT grant funding streams)	Total amounts of revenue spend on the maintenance of local highway networks
2019/20	£1,334,502	£2,734,502	£1,464,949
2020/21	£3,226,753	£4,289,653	£1,134,219
2021/22	£1,708,000	£3,249,000	£1,117,607
2022/23	£2,299,840	£5,718,033	£1,575,730
2023/24	£2,226,600	£4,626,600	£2,038,414
2024/25	£1,923,000	£4,915,000	£1,924,674