

Highways Code of Practice – Appendix 1

Highway Asset Management Policy and Strategy

Introduction - Policy and Strategy

As Highway Authority, the Council has a duty to maintain the Council's highway infrastructure assets. The Council's highway assets need to be fit for purpose and maintained appropriately to help meet legal duties and to deliver the Council's ambitions and what is best for its residents and businesses.

The Council's ambitions can be found in the Council's Corporate Vision according to Building a Better Bromley and the Environment and Community Services Portfolio Plan 2018-21. In addition the Council has developed Local Implementation Plan Objectives in response to the London Mayor's Transport Strategy. These ambitions shall be delivered according to an asset management framework.

The combination of legal duty, strategic aims and method of delivery represent the Council's Highway Asset Management Policy and Strategy.

Accordingly the Council is committed to making the best use of budgets and shall adopt, where possible, an asset management approach for the maintenance of the Borough's highway infrastructure assets.

The Council's Highway Asset Management Framework describes how Highway Infrastructure Asset Management will be delivered. The Framework explains how available funds and resources should be utilised to maximise their benefit.

This policy and strategy has been created to provide guidance on how services will be delivered to achieve the Council's and the London Mayor's ambitions through our Highway Asset Management Framework.

Policy Aims

Building a better Bromley - Key corporate aim

Quality Environment – Invest in roads by identifying infrastructure opportunities to reduce future maintenance costs associated with maintaining a high quality street scene including roads and street furniture.

Environment and Community Services Portfolio Plan 2018-21

Outcome 4 – Managing our Transport Infrastructure and Public Realm

Outcome 5 – Improving Travel, Transport and Parking

London Mayor's Transport Strategy Objectives (Delivered through the Council's Local Implementation Plan Outcomes)

Healthy Streets and healthy people

A good public transport experience

New homes and jobs

Delivering our policy aims and objectives

Our target is to provide a highway asset that delivers the Council's aims and objectives through a policy and strategy supported by an asset management framework which focusses on what matters to our Council in managing its highway assets with long-term prudence.

We have identified the following for implementation to help achieve our goals:

Environment

- Integrate solutions and treatments, which minimise waste to landfill.
- Choose solutions and treatments that support the reduction of carbon emissions.

Sustainability

- Maintain highway assets using sustainable cost effective treatments, to maximise the number of assets repaired - doing more for less.
- Plan for the effects of climate change and changing demands.

Economic

- Recognise the need to drive efficiencies.
- Utilise the asset management principles of lifecycle planning and whole life costing to minimise the cost of asset ownership.
- Ensure resilience on the road network to keep the authority moving, even during severe weather conditions.

Social

- Support the delivery of services and the local economy, taking into account the long-term performance of the asset.
- Effectively maintain a local road network which 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.

- 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.

Collaboration

- Coordinate maintenance activities to reduce road closures and their impacts, as well as providing maximum network availability and reliability.
- Work with stakeholders and supply-chain to provide a greater value to the authority and the community.

Safety / Serviceability

- Maintain highway assets in a state of good repair, meeting performance targets.
- Ensure highway assets are accessible and safe for the public.
- Continually assess, manage and control risk to highway users using coordinated and systematic approaches.

Legislation

- Support our statutory duties as a highway authority under the Highways Act 1980, the New Roads and Street Works Act 1991, the Transport Act 2000, and the Flood and Water Management Act 2010 with sound asset management practices.
- Meet the requirements of reporting Whole of Government Accounts each year.