

## **Presentation to Muswell Hill Area Forum concerning additional dedicated pothole funding**

The Muswell Hill Area Committee has been allocated an additional £46,400 for road repairs on top of the Council's usual funding for highways maintenance. This is a proportion of the additional funding that has been provided to the Council by the Government for road repairs due to the severe winter conditions which led to a significant deterioration in the condition of roads across the country.

This £46,400 will not go very far in addressing the need for road repairs. We expect that it will operate like a "Making the Difference Fund" for road repairs, but will not be able to meet all the demands or requests. The Muswell Area Committee has been given the power to determine how this additional funding should be spent. To assist the public and members consider this, this handout provides examples of the costs of different amounts of road repair. Following feedback from the area, Officers will recommend to the Area Committee in September what road repairs to carry out with the funding.

The Council will continue to carry out pothole repairs as normal and also its resurfacing programme.

In the last financial year the Council spent over £770,000 resurfacing roads in area covered by the Muswell Hill Area Committee.

### **What different repairs cost**

There are presentation boards showing pictures of roads needing repair and the cost of carrying out these repairs. This handout and pictures will also be available on the Council's website.

- A single pothole costs in the region of £50 to repair.
- A small patch covering 2sq.m would be £100.
- A large patch covering 20 sq m, which would normally be enough to cover half the width of the road would be £1000
- Resurfacing a section of a road, full width for a distance of 25m, might cost in the region of £10,000.

### **How views will be sought**

Residents views on the roads or sections of roads needing repair will be invited through Area Forums (form available), an article in Haringey People (due out mid-August) and on the pothole webpage.

Responses can be sent in

- Using the form available tonight
- Via email to [Frontline.Consultation@haringey.gov.uk](mailto:Frontline.Consultation@haringey.gov.uk)
- Or by completing an online form at [www.haringey.gov.uk](http://www.haringey.gov.uk)
- Or by responding to the article in Haringey People (possibly by freepost postcard)

A deadline of 2 September will be set to give time to collate the responses and allocate indicative costs. Any urgent works (meeting our intervention levels) will be carried out in any event.

Once all the responses have been collated with indicative costs, these will be sent to the Ward Members and if required, tours of the area can be arranged to look at the requests. Officers will make a recommendation to the September Area Committee on how to allocate the funding for road repairs.

### **What causes potholes and how to report them**

Potholes develop when moisture penetrates cracks in the asphalt surface of a road or driveway. Cold weather freezes the water which then expands and breaks-up the surface. Once formed, a pothole will grow in size as traffic dislodges and removes pieces of the road surface

Although we inspect all residential roads twice a year and main roads every month, we still rely on reports from the public to repair most potholes.

Members of the public can report a pothole:

- through the Council's website (Report a problem page) – this method ensures it is directed immediately to a Highways Inspector
- by email to [potholes@haringey.gov.uk](mailto:potholes@haringey.gov.uk)
- by phone on **020 8489 1335**

When reporting, please tell us:

- Name of the road
- House / building number or lamppost reference
- Nearest significant building or lamppost reference
- Nearest cross-street
- Direction - northbound, southbound,

## Intervention levels

The intervention level is the depth the pothole needs to be before we will repair it. The location and depth also helps to determine whether the works are ordered to be completed the next working day, 7 working days or within 28 working days.

The different intervention levels are:

- 50mm for major roads
- 60mm for unclassified roads
- 25mm at areas where safety of pedestrians and cyclists is at risk

## Road repair expenditure in 2010/11

The Council carried out extensive road resurfacing in the Muswell Hill Area Forum area last year, spending over £770,000. The details are set out below:

1.	Cholmerley Park N6	Highgate	£23,000
2.	Wellfield Avenue N10	Fortis Green	£29,000
3.	Muswell Hill Road N10	Muswell Hill	£80,000
4.	Muswell Road N10	Fortis Green	£30,000
5.	Kings Avenue N10	Fortis Green	£18,500
6.	Talbot Road N6	Alexandra	£37,000
7.	Holmesdale Road N6	Highgate	£36,500
8.	Tetherdown N10	Fortis Green	£78,000
9.	Onslow Gardens N10	Muswell Hill	£38,000
10.	Hampstead Lane N10	Highgate	£33,000
11.	Colney Hatch Lane N10	Alexandra/ Fortis Green	£125,000
12.	Victoria Road N22	Alexandra	£27,500
13.	Alexandra Park Road N10 & N22	Alexandra	£216,000
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