



Haringey Council

**Muswell Hill, Alexandra, Fortis Green and
Highgate Area Committee
Briefing on Highways and Transport
Programme selection: Item 8
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Purpose:

This briefing note sets out how the annual programmes for planned maintenance; street lighting and road safety have been compiled and determined. It also provides details of the breakdown of current planned expenditure between the different Area Committees for highways and LIP schemes for 12/13.

Planned maintenance: roads and footways

The 12/13 programme is based on condition data and site assessments by the highways team. Our condition information is based on independent surveys using nationally specified methods to assess condition of roads and footways. Only a proportion of the borough is surveyed each year.

Approximately 5-10% of the roads or pavements which the surveys identify as in need of maintenance can be completed each year.

This means that we target available funding at the worst roads and pavements.

Whilst condition forms the basis for selection, our assessment also considers the usage (traffic and pedestrian volumes).

A “sense check” of the final programme was carried out by site visits by the highways management team.

It is worth noting that our current policy on planned footway works is that tarmac will be used instead of paving, except in town centres and conservation areas. This allows both the capital funding to go further and reduces pressures on the highways reactive maintenance budget.

Street Lighting

The 12/13 programme consisted of previously committed works which had been delayed plus replacement of some of the cast iron columns in need of replacement.

Road Safety

The priority for this programme is determined by the location of accidents which have resulted in death or serious injury. This is against a London-wide picture of reduction in serious accidents and an increase in slight accidents.

Each year we compile a list of the accident hotspots and all requests we have received for road safety measures. This list is then ranked using criteria relating to the number of KSIs in each location.

The draft programme is discussed with the lead member prior to inclusion (STWP) in the sustainable transport works plan (STWP). Cabinet approves the STWP each year, and includes planned maintenance, street lighting and road safety programmes as well as LIP schemes. The Cabinet Member has the authority to approve any variations to the programme.

Joan Hancox
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Appendix 1: Planned expenditure on highways/LIP schemes by Area Committee 12/13