

Appendix 1

LONDON BOROUGH OF HARINGEY **(HIGHWAYS MAINTENANCE GROUP)**

POLICY FOR REACTIVE MAINTENANCE **(FOOTWAYS & CARRIAGEWAYS)**

The Council has a responsibility under the Highways Act 1980 to maintain its carriageways and footways in a **safe** condition. This does not mean that it is required to repair every defect of which it is aware of, but that it **must** carry out regular inspections and must have in place a clear maintenance policy. The policy used by the Council is based on the Local Authorities Association (Highways Maintenance – A code of good practice) that is summarised below:

INSPECTIONS

Walked routine safety inspections are carried out to all footways and carriageways in the Borough at predetermined intervals of between 1 & 12 times per annum (dependent on the category of highway) as follows:

PRINCIPAL ROADS
CLASSIFIED ROADS

ONCE A MONTH
ONCE EVERY SIX
MONTHS

UNCLASSIFIED ROADS

ONCE EVERY SIX
MONTHS

SHOPPING AREAS
PUBLIC FOOTPATHS

ONCE A MONTH
ONCE EVERY SIX
MONTHS

Ad-hoc inspections of defects reported by members of the public are undertaken within 24 hours.

DEFECTS MAINTENANCE

In order to ensure that budgets are contained within the allocations, it is necessary that Highway Inspectors objectively assess the severity, nature and location of defects to determine how urgency of the repairs must be effected. Defects will only be repaired if they are regarded as hazardous or serious and in order that consistent standards are adopted throughout the Borough, clearly defined categories known as '**Intervention Levels**' are set.

PRIORITIES

When a 'Works Order' is issued for repairs, the priority allocated will again depend on the severity, nature and location of the defect as follows:

Priority
Emergency Works Order (within 24 hours)
Small Works Order (within 7 days)
28-Day Order

Severity of Defect
Hazardous defects
Serious defects
Within intervention
Levels

INTERVENTION LEVELS

The following intervention levels apply at present.

Footways

PRINCIPAL ROADS	25mm (Trips / rocking slabs)
CLASSIFIED ROADS	25mm (Trips / rocking slabs)
UNCLASSIFIED ROADS	25mm (Trips / rocking slabs)
SHOPPING AREAS	25mm (Trips / rocking slabs)
PUBLIC FOOTPATHS	25mm (Trips / rocking slabs)

Carriageways

PRINCIPAL ROADS	50mm (Potholes)
CLASSIFIED ROADS	50mm (Potholes)
UNCLASSIFIED ROADS	60mm (Potholes)
SHOPPING AREAS	50mm (Potholes)
AREAS WHERE DEFECTS MAY BE PARTICULARLY HAZARDOUS TO PEDESTRIANS / CYCLISTS (SUCH AS PEDESTRIAN CROSSINGS, ROAD JUNCTIONS AND IN OR ADJACENT TO KERBS AND CHANNELS)	25mm (Potholes)