

Made possible by reallocated HS2 funding

Network North Roads Resurfacing Fund – Delivery Plan 2023-2025

Introduction

On 4 October 2023, as part of the **Network North** funding announcement, the government announced an additional £8.3 billion for local highways maintenance funding over the period 2023/2024 – 2033/2034 for local road resurfacing and wider maintenance activity on the local highway network. This was in addition to the £200 million announced in the Budget in March 2023 and is funded from the cancellation of the northern section of HS2.

The additional funding for Leicestershire is shown in the table below

Current base line allocation per year* (£000)	Budget 23 2023-2024 (£000)	Network North 2023-2024 (£000)	Network North 2024-2025 (£000)	Minimal additional overall uplift between 2023-2024 and 2033-2034 (£000)
17,755	3,156	2,258	2,258	131,939

*Highway Maintenance Block (HMS) and Pothole Fund

Further information on the announcement can be found here [Network North \(gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/network-north)

Listed below are what works have been carried out on the highway during 2023-2024 and what will be carried out during 2024-2025 as a result of this funding, this is in addition to the works already planned.

Network North additional programme 2023-2024

Road Maintenance	Cost	Area
Surface Dressing	£237,000	60,000m ²
Reactive repairs (potholes and defects)	£416,000	N/A
Pre-surface dressing patching	£1,605,000	57,000m ²
TOTAL	£2,258,000	

Budget 2023 additional programme 2023-2024

Road Maintenance	Cost	Area
Forest Road, Coalville, NW Leicestershire	£309,000	5,110m ²
Burroughs Road, Ratby, Hinckley & Bosworth	£66,290	3,678m ²
Patching	2,781,110	99,000m ²
TOTAL	£3,156,400	

See [Appendix for a list of patching schemes for 2023-2024](#) (PDF)

Network North additional programme 2024-2025

Road Maintenance	Budget	Area
Reactive repairs (potholes and defects)	£158,000	N/A
Machine Lay Patching	£500,000	17,000m ²
Surface Dressing pre-patching	£500,000	17,000m ²
Surface Dressing	£600,000	153,000m ²
Resurfacing – Jubilee Drive, Loughborough	£223,000	2,213 m ²
Resurfacing – Stygate Lane, Pickwell & Somerby	£277,000	5,373 m ²
TOTAL	£2,258,000	

See [Appendix for a list of surface dressing schemes for 2024-2025](#) (PDF)

Innovation in the delivery of highway maintenance

Embracing Innovation is one of our five key themes in the emerging Local Transport Plan Core Document. Focusing on innovation will enable the County Council to become better at managing and maintaining our highway network by considering new ways of working and innovation which contribute to Carbon Net Zero and ensure transport network resilience across the county. This also includes working collaboratively with neighbouring authorities, infrastructure providers and key stakeholders to identify best practice and joined up working arrangements. We are currently supporting the DfT funded Live Labs 2 as a member of the expert advisory panel for the Centre of Excellence for Decarbonising Roads and benefit from access to benchmarking and best practice through our membership of the Future Highways Research Group also supported by ADEPT.

We have introduced the following new software to support managing our highway assets

Viasala AI	For recording highway inspections as well as providing asset condition information and network inventory data
Map16	Mapping drainage assets
Our People	Communications application for deskless workers
Intelliops	On board mapping / routing of gritters
WJ Ecodyn	Road markings retro-reflectivity survey to produce an asset management approach to road marking renewal

We have updated existing software to support providing information to our customers

Confirm updates	A 'middleware solution' has been created to connect Confirm to WJ's (Road Markings) works ordering system this provides real time updates (both ways) on new works, but also allows our Control room to provide real time updates to customers
	Confirm has also been developed to provide an interactive customer map for Winter gritting routes, Grass Cutting and Street Lighting

We are changing the way we deliver our highway schemes to support our Net-Zero targets

Year	Innovation
Ongoing	Adopted the use of low temperature asphalts in both reactive and planned maintenance.
2021 - 2023	Trialled high performance / low carbon road marking options
2021 - present	Trialling rubberised SMA – ongoing monitoring A426 Blaby
2022 - 2023	Trialled insitu bituminous recycling equipment
2023 - 2024	Trialled Thermal Repairs
2023 - present	Trialling several EV <3.5t works vehicles.
2024 - 2025	Trialling solar road studs

How we use Streetworks legislation and other powers to ensure the benefits of resurfacing works are not undermined

The County Council can protect newly laid roads and footways for a certain amount of time. To do this the Council can serve notice on the utility companies, this is known as a Section 58 notice. This Section 58 notice prevents utilities from digging up roads and footways for a period between 3 to 5 years after the road has been reconstructed or resurfaced. There are some exemptions to the rule such as emergency works.

We will also continue to work proactively and collaboratively with utility companies in identifying long term programmes of work that will facilitate planning of both utility works and highway maintenance activities. Wherever possible work programmes will be changed to accommodate works to minimise the impact of future planned utility works through our membership of the East Midlands Highways and Utilities Committee (HAUC).

Historic Highway Funding

	<u>2024/25</u>	<u>2023/24</u>	<u>2022/23</u>	<u>2021/22</u>	<u>2020/21</u>	<u>2019/20</u>
Revenue	16,641,311	15,201,587	11,368,871	10,151,293	11,286,529	6,490,811
Capital	18,396,571	27,076,153	19,960,545	19,569,536	22,074,677	15,886,295
Total Funding	35,037,882	42,277,740	31,329,416	29,720,829	33,361,206	22,377,106
Made up of:						
DfT Grant	17,905,000	17,754,600	17,755,000	15,638,000	23,999,000	14,620,423
Budget 2023		3,156,400				
Network North	2,258,000	2,258,000	-	-	-	-
LCC Funding	14,874,882	19,108,740	13,574,416	14,082,829	9,362,206	7,756,683