

Knowsley Metropolitan Borough Council



Highway Asset Management Policy

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FOREWORD

The highway network is used every day by the residents, businesses of Knowsley, and visitors to the borough and as such is fundamental to all economic and social activity. This Highways Infrastructure Asset Management Policy sets out the Council's overarching approach for managing the highway infrastructure asset, ensuring that asset management principles are embedded to ensure a safe and reliable network. Our highways teams are committed to managing our highway infrastructure assets for the benefit of all of our users and we look forward to working closely with all stakeholders to take our policy and strategy forward.



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HIGHWAYS ASSET MANAGEMENT POLICY

Knowsley Metropolitan Borough Council recognises the importance of its highway infrastructure and how an effectively maintained and managed network contributes to the achievement of its corporate goals.

Knowsley is currently undergoing an economic resurgence, being ideally placed to benefit from the economic opportunities offered by the Liverpool City Region and the Northern Powerhouse. Its superb motorway and rail connections place it just 15 minutes from Liverpool City Centre and 30 minutes from Manchester. With around 3,900 businesses employing 64,000 people, the Borough makes significant contribution to the City Region's economic growth ambitions through key growth sectors such as Freight and Logistics, and Advanced Manufacturing.

Knowsley Metropolitan Borough Council is committed to adopting an asset management approach for its highway network in order to support the Council's vision that states:

Knowsley places a high significance on its transport infrastructure. The highway network is the Council's most valuable corporate asset, currently valued at around £1 billion (£3.3b including Land). That people should be able to get from A to B using a well-connected and well-maintained highway infrastructure is vital to the economic wellbeing of residents and businesses across the City Region.

The Council is committed to managing its highway network on behalf of those who live, work and invest in the borough, providing high value services in a legally and environmentally compliant and sustainable manner, without compromising the health and safety of employees, contractors or customers.

The following definition of Highway Asset Management has been adopted:

“Systematic and coordinated activities and practices through which the Council optimally and sustainably manages its assets and asset systems, their associated performance, risks and expenditures over their life cycles for the purpose of achieving its organisational strategic plan.”

The focus will be on achieving the following outcomes:

A Safe Network

- complying with statutory obligations
- meeting users' needs for safety

A Serviceable Network

- ensuring target level of availability
- achieving and maintaining desired degree of integrity
- maintaining target level of reliability
- achieving and maintaining target condition of all assets

Network Sustainability

- minimising cost over time
- maximising value to the community
- maximising environmental contribution
- efficient use of natural resources

Following the publication of national guidance in October 2016 (Well Managed Highway infrastructure: A Code of Practice) a greater emphasis is placed on the promotion of an integrated approach to manage the network based upon the establishment of local levels of service through risk based assessment.

The Highways Asset Management Strategy sets out how this Policy will be achieved in Knowsley. The Asset Management Framework describes all activities and processes and encompasses these key documents.

The framework will enable Knowsley to make transparent decisions over what service it will provide and what can be achieved within the reducing financial resources available.

This policy will be kept under review and subject to change in the light of significant external or internal organisational changes.

KNOWSLEY COUNCIL HIGHWAYS ASSET MANAGEMENT FRAMEWORK

