

Road maintenance update from Cambridgeshire County Council (30<sup>th</sup> June '25):

Cambridgeshire County Council has submitted a response to the Department for Transport (DfT) on maintenance activities, in order to secure a share of £500 million additional road maintenance funding.

The report <sup>1</sup> contains five-year maintenance spending comparisons, network condition statistics, pothole repair estimates, and planned maintenance activities.

The County Council will be submitting additional information by October 2025 covering asset values and compliance with best practice criteria.

Key highlights from the report show:

- Since 2023-24, the amount of capital funding the Council spends on highway maintenance has increased by **£35m**, from **£24m** to **£59m**.
- The Council has allocated more than **£73m** for highways maintenance in 2025/26 inclusive of revenue funding.
- Over the last five years, the Council has repaired an average of **55,400 individual potholes** each year.

In 2024/25 the County Council spent more than **£30m** improving over **145 kilometres** of roads county-wide, reconstructed or resurfaced **166 roads** and spent more than **£4.5m** repairing **over 52,000 potholes** across the county.

**Over 16,000 pothole** reports were received from residents.

In addition the County Council spent more than **£5m** improving over **120km** of walking and cycling routes county-wide and reconstructed or repaired **241 footpaths**.

In 2025/26, **over 250 schemes** are planned, to repair **135km of road** (of which over 60% will be preventative treatment work).

Cllr Alex Beckett, chair of the Highways and Transport Committee at Cambridgeshire County Council, said:

“We have listened to Cambridgeshire residents who tell us time and again they want the condition of the county’s highways network improved. So we are spending record amounts to fix the backlog that built up over many years of austerity, because we know this is a priority. We are making good progress and, while there is still a long way to go, there are more positive improvements coming this year.”

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<sup>1</sup> The full report is available on the County Council website at: <https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/highways-transparency>.