

Slough Borough Council

Highway Asset Management Policy

OUR AMBITION – USING RESOURCES WISELY

By 2019 the Council's income and the value of its assets will be maximised

Our Challenges and Opportunities

We have reviewed the evidence about the people and place of Slough and have identified the following key statement for Slough:

- Importance of continuing growth of the healthy economy of the town

The Council will meet the challenges and opportunities that will arise in trying to implement this statement, by shaping and managing the changing place. The following outcomes will shape the work of the Council to respond to subsequent opportunities and challenges facing the town:

- Changing, retaining and growing - ensure a fit for business transport infrastructure
- Using resources wisely - streamline customer journeys to deliver savings

Asset Management

Asset management is a strategic approach that identifies the optimal allocation of resources for the management, operation, preservation and enhancement of the highway infrastructure to meet the needs of current and future customers.

We understand the importance of asset management and how it can help us meet our corporate objectives. In our attempt to implement the above definition of asset management, Slough is making a transition in its approach to highways maintenance. We are moving away from traditional reactive maintenance and adopting a framework that promotes a longer term sustainable view of maintaining the highway asset.

Key Priorities

We have identified the following key priorities and will ensure they are embedded during all our activities:

- Safety – Ensure that our customers including motorists, cyclist and pedestrians are able to use the network with confidence regarding their personal safety
- Accessibility – Make sure that highway assets are maintained to a standard that is inclusive to all users including partially sighted, wheel chair users, push chair users and the hearing impaired
- Availability – Endeavour to reduce congestion and disruption and maximise availability of the network to all users at all times
- Environmental – Consider the environment when choosing highway techniques, endeavouring to reduce carbon use and wastage
- Financial - Promote economic prosperity and regeneration by making sure the highway network is well managed and fit for purpose