

Key findings – Annual Local Authority Road Maintenance (ALARM) Survey 2016

	TOTAL*	England**	London	Wales
Highway maintenance budgets				
Percentage of authorities responding	↑ 56%	↑ 61%	↓ 41%	↑ 55%
Average highway maintenance budget per authority	↓ £16.2m	↓ £19.8m	↑ £9m	↑ £7.8m
Percentage of highway maintenance budget spent on carriageway	↓ 52%	↓ 55%	↓ 43%	↓ 47%
Average carriageway maintenance budget	↓ £8.4m	↓ £10.9m	↓ £3.9m	↓ £3.6m
Shortfall				
Total shortfall in annual carriageway maintenance budget	↑ £791m	↑ £623m	↑ £86.7m	− £81.2m
Average annual carriageway maintenance budget shortfall per authority	↑ £4.6m	↑ £5.3m	↑ £2.7m	− £3.7m
Estimated time to clear carriageway maintenance backlog	↑ 14 years	↑ 14 years	↑ 16 years	↓ 7 years
Estimated one time catch-up cost	↓ £11.8bn	↓ £10.4bn	↓ £706m	↑ £703m
Estimated one time catch-up cost per authority	↓ £69m	↓ £88.8m	↓ £22.1m	↑ £31.9m
Road condition				
Frequency of road surfacing (all road classes)	↓ 57 years	↑ 65 years	↓ 26 years	− 59 years
Number of potholes filled over past year	↓ 2,190,026	↓ 1,944,092	↓ 131,151	↓ 114,783
Average number filled per authority last year	↓ 12,807	↓ 16,616	↓ 4,099	↓ 5,217
Average cost to fill one pothole as part of a planned programme	£53	£47	£80	£49
Average cost to fill one pothole as a reactive repair	£64	£56	£94	£64
Total spent filling potholes in past year	↓ £118.4m	↓ £100.6m	↓ £11.4m	↓ £6.5m
Compensation claims				
Amount paid in road user compensation claims	↓ £13.5m	↓ £8.9m	↑ £4.1m	↓ £486k
Staff costs spent on claims (per year)	↓ £15m	↓ £9m	↓ £2.4m	↑ £3.5m

* England, London and Wales

↑ Up from ALARM survey 2015 ↓ Down from ALARM survey 2015 − Same as ALARM survey 2015

** excludes London