

North Northamptonshire Council

Highways Asset Management Policy (October 2024)

1. North Northamptonshire Council (NNC) recognises the important role of North Northamptonshire's local road network in supporting the authority's vision and strategic goals.
2. The Council is committed to making the best use of its budgets and supports using an asset management methodology as a primary driver for maintaining the local highway network. This approach will ensure the best long-term results for local communities, by helping deliver the best value highway services.
3. This policy links NNC's Highways Asset Management approach to wider transport and corporate plans and strategies, and supports the overarching [vision](#) that 'North Northamptonshire be a place where everyone has the best opportunities and quality of life'.
4. This Highways Asset Management Policy has been developed with an associated Highway Asset Management Strategy to ensure that the principles of asset management are embedded in the delivery of NNC's highway management and maintenance services. Implementing a highway asset management approach will help the council to understand the assets it is responsible for, measure and monitor how they perform, and determine the funding required to manage and maintain them in the future, to ensure safety, serviceability, sustainability and value for money. The contribution of the Asset Management Strategy to the six key supporting corporate commitments is briefly set out below.

Active, fulfilled lives

The accessibility provided by a well managed and maintained highway network is fundamental to achieving these priorities.

Better, brighter futures

The highways network is one of NNC's principal assets and requires significant resources for its management and maintenance. This provides opportunities for employment, training and development directly at NNC and through our supply chain.

Safe and thriving places

The provision of tangible transport options to satisfy individual and corporate needs is essential to support NNC's aspiration to make North Northamptonshire the great place to live and work and do business. The overall transport system needs to be able to provide fast and efficient movement of people and goods and an effective and efficiently managed and maintained highway network is the major component of that system.

Green, sustainable environment

Asset management supports the delivery of a well-maintained highway network in which planned and preventative maintenance are prioritised to ensure the lifecycles of assets are maximised. In addition, the use of using of recycled/innovative materials and methodology within maintenance programmes can play a crucial role in helping develop a sustainable transport system and network

Connected communities

The highway network is the significant component of the connectivity required by the residents and communities of North Northamptonshire, which also promotes and enables recreational and other activities including those in the voluntary sector.

Modern public services

The highways network serves the residents of North Northamptonshire and also provides infrastructure to support the growth of the North Northamptonshire's economy. Effective and efficient management of the highways network is a key factor in the ability of the Council to deliver its services and enable the economy of North Northamptonshire to thrive.