

Presentation to the Area Committees on additional dedicated pothole and road repair funding

Area Committees are being allocated additional funding for road repairs on top of the Council's usual funding for highways maintenance. The additional funding is provided to councils by the Government following the severe winter weather which led to a significant deterioration in the condition of roads across the country.

We expect the funding will operate like a "Making the Difference Fund" for road repairs, but will not be able to meet all the demands or requests. The Area Committees have been given the authority to decide how this additional funding should be spent. To help the public and members in this task, this handout gives examples of the costs of different amounts of road repair. After taking into account feedback from the public, a recommendation will be made in September on what road repairs should be carried out with the additional funding.

The Council will of course continue to carry out pothole repairs as normal and also its resurfacing programme.

What different repairs cost (also see pictures below)

The presentation stand shows pictures of roads needing repair and the cost of carrying out these repairs. See below for pictures of different sizes and types of pothole

- A single pothole costs in the region of £50 to repair.
- A small patch covering 2sq.m would be £100.
- A large patch covering 20 sq m, which would normally be enough to cover half the width of the road would be £1000
- Resurfacing a section of a road, full width for a distance of 25m, might cost in the region of £10,000.

How views will be obtained

Residents' views on the roads or sections of roads needing repair will be invited through Area Forums (form available), an article in Haringey People (due out mid-August) and on the pothole webpage.

Responses can be sent in:

- Using the form available at the presentation stand
- Via email to Frontline.Consultation@haringey.gov.uk
- Or by completing an online form at www.haringey.gov.uk and go to: environment and transport > roads and streets > road maintenance > potholes
- Or by responding to the upcoming feature in Haringey People

The deadline for views and comments is 2 September. When all the responses have been collated and analysed, results will be sent to ward councillors. Officers will make a recommendation to the September Area Committee on how to allocate the funding for road repairs.

What causes potholes and how to report them?

Potholes develop when moisture penetrates cracks in the asphalt surface of a road or driveway. Cold weather freezes the water which then expands and breaks-up the surface. Once formed, a pothole will grow in size as traffic dislodges and removes pieces of the road surface

Although we inspect all residential roads twice a year and main roads every month, we still rely on reports from the public to repair most potholes.

Members of the public can report a pothole:

- through the Council's website (Report a problem page) – this method ensures it is directed immediately to a Highways Inspector
- by email to potholes@haringey.gov.uk
- by phone on **020 8489 1335**

When reporting, please tell us:

- Name of the road
- House / building number or lamppost reference
- Nearest cross-street
- Direction - northbound, southbound,

Intervention levels

The intervention level is the depth the pothole needs to be before we will repair it. The location and depth also helps to determine whether the works are ordered to be completed the next working day, 7 working days or within 28 working days.

The different intervention levels are:

- 50mm for major roads
- 60mm for unclassified roads
- 25mm at areas where safety of pedestrians and cyclists is at risk



One Pothole cost £50

Examples of road repair costs for June 2011 Area Forums



Small patch cost £100



A 20sqm patch cost £1000



Before



**After – Resurface a 25m length of road
Cost £10,000**