

LONDON BOROUGH OF HARINGEY
(HIGHWAYS MAINTENANCE GROUP)

POLICY FOR REACTIVE MAINTENANCE
(FOOTWAYS & CARRIAGEWAYS)

The Council has a responsibility under the Highways Act 1980 to maintain its carriageways and footways in a **safe** condition. This does not mean that it is required to repair every defect of which it is aware of, but that it **must** carry out regular inspections and must have in place a clear maintenance policy. The policy used by the Council is based on the Local Authorities Association (Highways Maintenance – A code of good practice) that is summarised below:

INSPECTIONS

Walked routine safety inspections are carried out to all footways and carriageways in the Borough at predetermined intervals of between 1 & 12 times per annum (dependent on the category of highway) as follows:

PRINCIPAL ROADS	ONCE A MONTH
CLASSIFIED ROADS	ONCE EVERY SIX MONTHS
UNCLASSIFIED ROADS	ONCE EVERY SIX MONTHS
SHOPPING AREAS	ONCE A MONTH
PUBLIC FOOTPATHS	ONCE EVERY SIX MONTHS

Ad-hoc inspections of defects reported by members of the public are undertaken within 24 hours.

DEFECTS MAINTENANCE

In order to ensure that budgets are contained within the allocations, it is necessary that Highway Inspectors objectively assess the severity, nature and location of defects to determine how urgency of the repairs must be effected. Defects will only be repaired if they are regarded as hazardous or serious and in order that consistent standards are adopted throughout the Borough, clearly defined categories known as '**Intervention Levels**' are set.

PRIORITIES

When a 'Works Order' is issued for repairs, the priority allocated will again depend on the severity, nature and location of the defect as follows:

Priority	Severity of Defect
Emergency Works Order (within 24 hours)	Hazardous defects
Small Works Order (within 7 days)	Serious defects
28-Day Order	Within intervention Levels

INTERVENTION LEVELS

The following intervention levels apply at present.

Footways

PRINCIPAL ROADS	25mm (Trips / rocking slabs)
CLASSIFIED ROADS	25mm (Trips / rocking slabs)
UNCLASSIFIED ROADS	25mm (Trips / rocking slabs)
SHOPPING AREAS	25mm (Trips / rocking slabs)
PUBLIC FOOTPATHS	25mm (Trips / rocking slabs)

Carriageways

PRINCIPAL ROADS	50mm (Potholes)
CLASSIFIED ROADS	50mm (Potholes)
UNCLASSIFIED ROADS	60mm (Potholes)
SHOPPING AREAS	50mm (Potholes)
AREAS WHERE DEFECTS MAY BE PARTICULARLY HAZARDOUS TO PEDESTRIANS / CYCLISTS (SUCH AS PEDESTRIAN CROSSINGS, ROAD JUNCTIONS AND IN OR ADJACENT TO KERBS AND CHANNELS)	25mm (Potholes)