



Knowsley Council

Annual Progress Report Additional Highways Maintenance Funding 2017/18

Statement of Spend as at 31 March 2018

In April 2017 the Department for Transport (DfT) announced details of a [Pothole action fund](#), which allocated money to local authorities to be spent on fixing potholes on the roads or to stop them forming in the first place.

As part of the fund, Knowsley Council received an allocation of £155,000. This funding has been provided to complement (rather than displace) planned highway maintenance expenditure for 2017/18.

During February 2018 the government announced an additional Pothole Action Fund allocation. Knowsley Council received an additional allocation of £101.316 for 2017 to 2018. However, all additional funding did not have to be spent during 2017 to 2018, therefore we took the opportunity to extend our Surface Dressing programme for 2018 to 2019.

The following statement is made in compliance with the grant conditions for the additional highway maintenance funding from the DfT and outlines how and where the funding was invested.

Knowsley Council follows the recommendations of the Highways Maintenance Efficiency Programme Pothole Review and wherever possible seeks to implement the first time permanent repair of potholes.

In addition to the conventional patching methods, Knowsley Council continue to look at alternative answers to deal with potholes and trial innovative solutions. During 2017 to 2018 the two Hitex products below were trialled for the permanent repair of potholes:

- **Hitex - TexPatch** is an economical screed-applied system used to seal and repair larger defects such as potholes. TexPatch provides a fast, permanent solution, and helps prevent further deterioration of the road surface.
- **Hitex - TexBand** is a fill and over-band system used to seal and repair open seams, joints and cracks up to 40mm wide in bituminous road surfaces. TexBand is a permanent and economical solution to prevent further deterioration or damage to the road surface when used in the treatment of early stage failures.

This additional funding has supported the authority by enabling additional permanent pothole repairs and joint sealing works to be carried out at the following locations on Knowsley Council's highway network:





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Carriageway Patching Works - 2017 to 2018

Road Name	Number of Potholes	Total Area (m²)
Pottery lane	2	7
Huyton Lane	3	9
North Perimeter Road	6	83
Hurst Park Drive	1	124
Tithbarn Road	1	120
Roby Road	2	2
Archway Road	6	77
Berryhill Avenue	15	123
County Road	17	117
Britonside Avenue	1	146
Shop Road	1	540
St Johns Road	7	12
Iver Close	6	30
Preston Avenue	1	50
Hillingden Avenue	1	16
Fredrick Lunt Avenue	1	185
Knowsleywood Lane	14	259
Silverstone Drive	3	26
Sugar Lane	3	5
Cherryfield Drive	3	24
Total	94	1955m²
Total Expenditure £123,373.26		

Hitex Texband Works - 2017 to 2018

Road Name	Hitex - TexPatch (m²)	Hitex - TexBand (lm)
Ellis Ashton Street	199	15
Princess Drive		610
Ormskirk Road	38	53
Knowsley Lane	295	803
East Lancashire Road	111	
Seel Road	15	
Dinas Lane	43	
Charleywood Road	2	
Total	703(m²)	1481 (lm)
Total Expenditure £31,626.74		

The pothole patching works that have been undertaken are aimed at preserving and restoring the condition of roads in Knowsley, a number of which will be followed up with a preventative surface dressing treatment during 2018 to 2019 in accordance with good practice recommendations. This treatment seals the road helping to restore its surface integrity and prolong its life, by using this preventative maintenance strategy it will effectively secure the significant investment made in the pothole patching process and will help support the long-term durability and performance of the road network.

