

Additional highways resurfacing 2023/24 and 2024/25 made possible by reallocated HS2 funding

We have been able to carry out an additional programme of resurfacing work as part of our highways maintenance in the 2023/24 financial year funded by an extra £230,000 from the Department for Transport (DfT).

This sum came from the Network North Fund, made possible by the reallocation of HS2 UK Government funding, and is in addition to our planned highways maintenance spending for the year.

This extra funding means we have been able to carry out an extra 4265m² of resurfacing of roads in need of urgent repairs in 2023/24.

The same additional sum of £230,000 has been allocated to Torbay Council for the 2024/25 financial year to go on urgent highways maintenance, enabling the same amount of extra resurfacing to take place.

Here is the list of works carried out from the additional funding in 2023/24 in Torbay:

- Monday 22 January (12 weeks): Goodrington Road, between Davies Avenue and Grange Road.
- Monday 26 February (two days): Cockington Lane, Torquay, double roundabouts with Old Mill Road.
- Wednesday 28 February (three days): Colley End Road, Paignton, Kings Ash Road to Clifton Road.
- Monday 4 March (two days): Underidge Drive, Paignton, First 100m.

Materials delivered to site contain recycled materials reducing raw material use. We source them from a local quarry to:

- reduce the carbon footprint with fewer lorry trips
- assist in employing local labour

We are always looking for ways to innovate, and are currently undertaking a trial on road condition surveys including the use of artificial intelligence.

To make sure the roads are not dug up by utilities for a specific amount of time, we will enforce a Section 58 notice under the [Streetworks Act](#).

Over the last five years, up to the end of March 2024, our total spending on highways maintenance is £11,898,694, including £11,070,932 from the DfT. In 2024/25, planned Government funding is £2,065,000. See table below.

Total amount of investment in local highway networks for the previous 5 years and planned investment for 2024/25, split between DfT and local funding

Category	Actual Spend	Actual Spend	Actual Spend	Actual Spend	Actual Spend	Budgeted Spend	Budgeted Spend
Year	19/20	20/21	21/22	22/23	23/24 - Spend at 19/01/24	23/24	24/25
Highways Maintenance Programme	1,442,353	2,701,234	2,958,079	1,656,080	1,441,029	2,519,984	1,995,000
Bridges and Structures	125,515	48,411	73,388	7,014	20,952	366,636	70,000
Totals	1,567,868	2,749,645	3,031,467	1,663,094	1,461,981	2,886,620	2,065,000
DfT Funding	1,567,868	2,733,214	2563019	1433094	1,349,098	2,773,737	2,065,000
Local Funding		16,431	468,448	230,000	112,883	112,883	TBC
Totals	1,567,868	2,749,645	3,031,467	1,663,094	1,461,981	2,886,620	2,065,000

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