

**KEY FINDINGS OF ASPHALT INDUSTRY ALLIANCE
2004 ANNUAL LOCAL AUTHORITY ROAD MAINTENANCE (ALARM) SURVEY**

	ENGLAND (exc. London)	WALES	LONDON
Shortfall in road structural maintenance budget (average per authority)	£645m £5.61m	£178m £8.1m	£33m £1.0m
Percentage of authorities which believe there is a threat to road users' safety due to road maintenance under funding	80%	100%	92%
Increase in claims by road users against local authorities for damage to vehicles or road traffic accidents due to road structural conditions over past 10 years.	94%	46%	38%
Amount paid out last year in such claims (average per authority)	£85m £739k	£12m £534k	£14m £422k
Staff time per year spent working on such claims (average per authority)	47k days 412 days	7.4k days 335 days	8.4k days 254 days
Frequency of road surfacing *1 (10-20 years recommended depending on road type)	53 years	54 years	56 years
Increase in need for structural maintenance over past 10 years	69%	59%	44%
Increase in visual defects *2 over past 10 years	53%	43%	39%
Percentage of budget used on reactive maintenance	29%	32%	42%
Total road structural maintenance budget (average per authority)	£654.4m £5.7m	£28.4m £1.3m	£62.4m £1.9m