

**KEY FINDINGS OF ASPHALT INDUSTRY ALLIANCE  
2005 ANNUAL LOCAL AUTHORITY ROAD MAINTENANCE (ALARM) SURVEY**

	<b>ENGLAND</b> (exc London)	<b>WALES</b>	<b>LONDON</b>
<b>Shortfall</b> in road structural maintenance budget (average per authority)	£943m £8.2 m	£114m £4.7m	£109m £3.3m
% of required budget received	40%	28%	44%
Percentage of authorities which believe there is a <b>threat to road users' safety</b> due to road maintenance under funding	88%	100%	92%
Increase in <b>claims by road users</b> against local authorities for damage to vehicles or road traffic accidents due to road structural conditions over past 10 years.	80%	187%	43%
<b>Amount paid</b> out last year in such claims (average per authority)	£93m £810k	£17m £790k	£13m £392k
<b>Staff time</b> per year spent working on such claims (average per authority)	48k days 421 days	6k days 273 days	7.3k days 220 days
<b>Frequency of road surfacing</b> <sup>*1</sup> (10-20 years recommended depending on road type)	51 years	61 years	23years
How long to clear maintenance backlog given adequate funds?	10.4 years	12.9 years	8.9 years
Increase in <b>need for structural maintenance</b> over past 10 years	52%	111%	30%
Increase in <b>visual defects</b> <sup>*2</sup> over past 10 years	89%	130%	41%
Percentage of budget used on <b>reactive maintenance</b>	25%	39%	37%
Total road structural <b>maintenance budget</b> (average per authority)	£629.3m £5.5m	£38.9m £1.8m	£84.9m £2.6m

\*1. Frequency of road surfacing

\*2. Visual defects