

ALARM Survey 2008

Key findings – ALARM Survey 2008			
	England (ex London)	London	Wales
Shortfall in road structural budget	£858m	£140m	£66m
Average shortfall per authority	£7.5m	£4.2m	£3m
Percentage of required budget received	51%	45%	48%
Percentage of budget used on reactive maintenance	26%	32%	23%
Estimated time to clear the carriageway maintenance backlog	11 years	10.4 years	16.1 years
Frequency of road surfacing (all road classes)	65 years	34 years	81 years
Average percentage increase in the number of visual defects ¹ over the past 10 years	57%	54%	81%
Number of potholes filled over the last year	603,980	151,800	97,834
Average number per authority	5,252	4,600	4,447
Average cost to fill one pothole	£69	£41	£45
Total spent filling potholes over last year	£41.7m	£6.2m	£4.4m
Percentage of authorities who believe there is a threat to road users' safety due to road maintenance under-funding	89%	81%	100%
Amount paid in road user compensation claims	£24.2m	£22.2m	£6.6m
Staff time per year spent working on such claims	29,498 days	6,782 days	4,521 days
Average number of utility company trenches per authority during the year	16,548	13,220	4,978

¹ Visual defects are defects which can be seen in the road structure and include cracking, deterioration, patching and potholes.

Data in the ALARM Survey is based on information supplied to the Asphalt Industry Alliance by 63 per cent of local authorities in England, 91 per cent in Wales and 49 per cent in London between December 2007 and February 2008.