

# ALARM Survey 2009

<b>Key Findings – ALARM Survey 2009</b>			
	<b>England</b> (ex London)	<b>London</b>	<b>Wales</b>
Shortfall in road structural budget	£695m	£93m	£73m
Average shortfall per authority	£6m	£2.8m	£3.3m
Percentage of required budget received	57%	51%	44%
Percentage of budget used on reactive maintenance	27%	27%	27%
Estimated time to clear the carriageway maintenance backlog <sup>1</sup>	13 years	10.7 years	15.6 years
Estimated one-time “catch-up” cost per authority	£58.2m	£38.3m	£22.3m
Frequency of road surfacing (all road classes)	79 years	37 years	95 years
Average percentage increase in the number of visual defects <sup>2</sup> over the past 10 years	52%	30%	116%
Number of potholes filled over the last year	795,110	79,299	93,786
Average number per authority	6,914	2,403	4,263
Average cost to fill one pothole	£67	£71	£46
Total spent filling potholes over last year	£53.3m	£5.6m	£4.3m
Percentage of authorities who believe there is a threat to road users’ safety due to road maintenance under-funding	74%	80%	88%
Amount paid in road user compensation claims	£22.1m	£3.1m	£10m
Staff time per year spent working on such claims	38,123 days	12,524 days	4,950 days
Average number of utility company trenches per authority during the year	13,212	11,432	4,613

<sup>1</sup> based on current budgets

<sup>2</sup> 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 64% of local authorities in England, 73% in Wales and 73% in London between December 2008 and February 2009.