

KEY FINDINGS – ALARM SURVEY 2007

	England (ex London)	London	Wales
Shortfall in road structural budget Average per authority	£846m £7.4m	£118m £3.6m	£91m £4.1m
Percentage of required budget received	52%	47%	47%
Frequency of road surfacing (all road classes)	74 years	34 years	90 years
Percentage of authorities who believe there is a threat to road users' safety due to road maintenance under-funding	96%	94%	100%
Estimated time to clear the carriageway maintenance backlog ¹	11.1 years	11.5 years	12.9 years
Average percentage increase in the need for structural maintenance over the past 10 years	44%	33%	46%
Average percentage increase in the number of visual defects ² over the past 10 years	62%	68%	87%
Number of potholes filled over the last year Average number per authority	589,000 5,123	258,000 7,807	97,000 4,392
Average cost to fill one pothole Total spent filling potholes over last year	£56 £33m	£72 £19m	£45 £4m
Percentage of budget used on reactive maintenance	24%	31%	28%
Average increase in claims against local authorities for damage to vehicles or road traffic accidents due to road structural conditions over the last 10 years	42%	78%	70%
Amount paid out last year in such claims	£39.0m	£6.7m	£4.3m
Staff time per year spent working on such claims	36,200 days	4,200 days	5,800 days