

**Response to West Lancs 3TF enquiry March/April 14**

**Request for slurry sealing on footways of Mossy Lea Road**

I refer to your enquiry regarding treatment to the footway at Mossy Lea Road and can confirm that this footway is not included in the Capital Programme for treatment in our 2014/15 programme.

As the local highway authority in Lancashire we have a responsibility to maintain the public highway to a safe standard. All roads in Lancashire are inspected on a frequency dependent upon their classification which relates to their use and during those inspections we note and undertake any safety repairs as required. We also respond to reports made by members of the public either noting the conditions for consideration in assembling future programmes of work or carrying out repairs where we believe this to be warranted due to their scale and nature. This means that not all reported defects will be treated in the short to medium term.

Aside from safety repairs, we also implement other maintenance programmes including patching, resurfacing and major reconstruction schemes. To enable us to both prioritise the needs of over 27,000 roads in Lancashire and our resources efficiently and effectively we undertake technical surveys, use local knowledge and expertise and work with elected county council members in identifying where and how we should spend those monies to both meet the greatest local needs and to achieve value for money.

Officers from Lancashire Highways Service will conduct an inspection of the footway of Mossy Lea Road on its West Lancashire side to establish its current condition and to consider whether a slurry seal treatment is both needed and is suitable. If it is found that treatment is required then the scheme will be put forward for consideration for inclusion in the 2015/16 Capital Programme.