

Highway Safety Inspections

1. Oxfordshire County Council; in its capacity as the local Highway Authority, has statutory duties that both directly and indirectly place an obligation on maintenance of the highway.
2. The County Council's Highway Safety Inspection regime forms a part of a system of maintenance and safeguarding to ensure the safe and expeditious passage of all road users.
3. Safety inspections will take into consideration all aspects of the highway including carriageways, footways and principle rights of way.

Policy: HSI1

The County Council will take an evidence led and risk/ needs-based approach to the inspection of the highway and the categorisation/ remediation of defects identified.

Policy: HSI2

Highway inspections will be undertaken on both a routine planned basis, as well as being reactive; where necessary, in response to reports from members of the public, Fix My Street Superusers, the Police, and other stakeholders.

Policy: HSI3

The method and frequency of inspecting the highway will be commensurate with the type and frequency of user expected, its position in the network hierarchy, and locally significant characteristics.

Policy: HSI4

Any repairs identified through the inspection process will be dealt with in line with the procedures, taking into consideration the road type and location of the identified defect.

Policy: HSI5

Preference will be afforded to planned preventative and restorative maintenance treatments whilst minimising reactive repairs.

Policy: HSI6

Without prejudice, the highway inspection regime will have particular regard to vulnerable users, more sustainable modes of transportation, and the environment.

Service Aims:

1. The network is maintained in a condition that is safe, serviceable and resilient.
2. The network is maintained in a condition that supports the delivery of the Intended Outcomes of the County Council.

Reference & Supporting Documents

- Highway Safety Inspections Procedure