



Highway Asset Management Policy 2015-2019



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Milton Keynes Council has the responsibility for managing the highway infrastructure and we recognise the essential role that the highways infrastructure has in supporting the council's vision and plan.

The highway infrastructure is the most valuable asset under our control and is currently valued at circa £7.188 billion. In order for us to achieve our vision for the future of Milton Keynes the Highways infrastructure is key. Therefore the council places high importance on the infrastructure and the long term investment in the management, development and maintenance.

Milton Keynes Councils Corporate Plan sets out the Vision for Milton Keynes, it captures the type of place Milton Keynes aspires to be for all those that live, work, learn and visit here. It has five main themes and throughout each of these themes Milton Keynes Council recognises the integral part that the highways infrastructure and management of its assets plays in achieving its corporate strategic objectives and visions.

Highways infrastructure, including the unique grid road and Redway networks, will be expanded and fully integrated into new developments and regeneration areas to support more sustainable communities. Connectivity to local towns, major cities, and international transport gateways and networks will be first class; and Milton Keynes will embrace new technology, being an exemplar for the latest developments in information technology, fuel technology, and new forms of transport.

By 2031, Milton Keynes will have the most sustainable transport system in the country, increasing its attractiveness as a place to live, work, visit, and do business. There will be a real transport choice to satisfy individual preferences, improve social value and encourage more sustainable travel behaviour. The transport system will provide fast and efficient movement of people and goods, and will be accessible for all. Everyone will have access to key services and amenities, including employment, health, education, retail and leisure.

In order to support, manage and deliver this vision the adoption of an effective Asset Management strategy has been aligned to support the Local Transport Plan Vision and Strategies:-

- Provide real and attractive transport choices to encourage more sustainable travel behaviour as Milton Keynes grows
- Support the economic growth of the borough through the fast, efficient and reliable movement of people and goods
- Reduce transport based CO2 emissions to help tackle climate change
- Provide access for all to key services and amenities in Milton Keynes, including employment, education, health, retail, and leisure and Improve safety, security and health

- Contribute to quality of life for all Milton Keynes residents, strengthening linkages between communities
- Establish a development framework that embraces technological change, in which Milton Keynes can continue to grow, pioneer and develop

The Highways Asset Management Strategy (HAMS) will govern how Highways Asset Management will be delivered in Milton Keynes. This strategy will take into account financial pressures and outline how the available resources will be utilised/ prioritised in order to maximise the benefits and minimise whole life costs.

This is a systematic and strategic approach that will enable us to make decisions over what services we want to provide and what we can achieve within our financial resources. It enables us to identify the best allocation of our resources for the management, operation, preservation and enhancement of the highway infrastructure to meet the needs of current and future demands.

The HAMS will be supported with a Highways Asset Management Handbook for Milton Keynes which is supplemented by any area specific Handbooks such as the Central Milton Keynes Handbook for the Public Realm which will detail the specifications / design and maintenance characteristics.