

State of the City Report: London's Highways 2017

This is London's first annual report on its highways – roads, footways, bridges, street light and drainage. It provides key information on numbers, condition and funding – in particular the £700m maintenance backlog.

OUR HIGHWAYS...

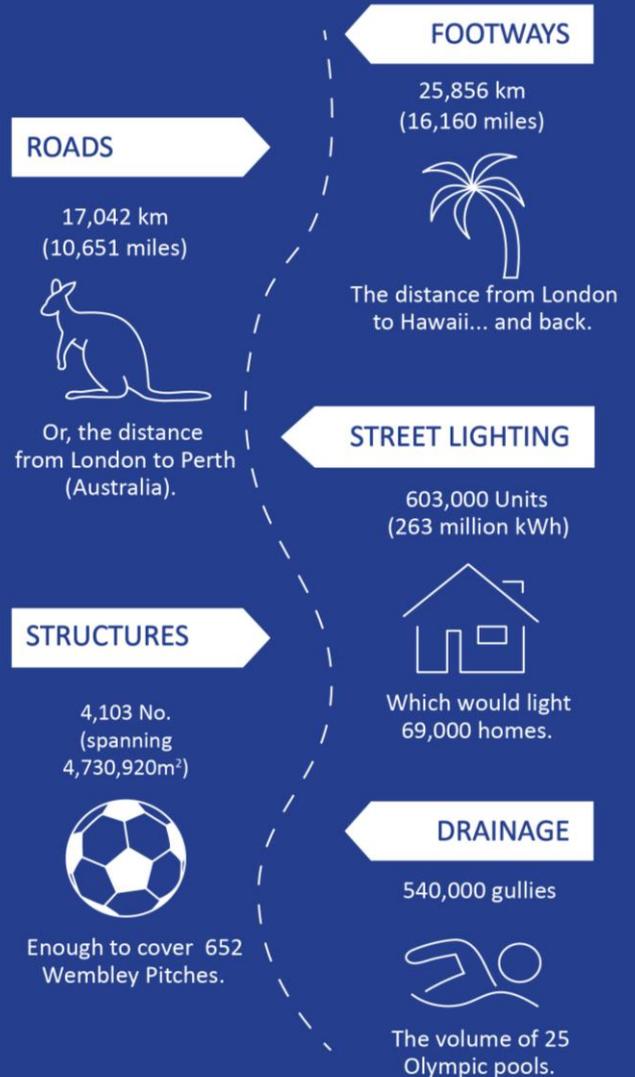
VITAL TO LONDON'S VIBRANCY, ECONOMY AND WELLBEING, we use our highways to get around every day - whether it's on foot or bike, by car or public transport. Ranging from iconic landmarks to the purely functional, highways are part of the very fabric of our capital. Yet, all too often, we take them for granted – that is, until something goes wrong – be it potholes, broken paving slabs, flooding or bridge restrictions.

It is probably fair to say that we expect the highway to operate 365 days a year, 24 hours a day – and we get frustrated when it doesn't. We don't like roads and footways with defects, and see delays caused by failed assets or roadworks as an inconvenience.

Maintaining our Capital's highways, keeping them safe and staying on top of their defects, is what the highway professionals in the boroughs do everyday. However, every year the challenge gets greater as budgets are squeezed and the defect backlog grows. Data for this report has been received for all 33 London Boroughs and TfL through the annual Status Report. The data shows that the current situation is not sustainable - our highways are in dire need of investment.

London needs a viable long-term policy on funding highway maintenance. The Department for Transport (DfT) provides funding to authorities outside London, yet treats the Capital very differently with no budget earmarked to maintain our highways. We need a fair settlement for London.

OUR HIGHWAY ASSET IN NUMBERS...



	ROADS	FOOTWAYS	STRUCTURES	LIGHTING	DRAINAGE
ANNUAL SPEND	£142.8m	£59.0m	£90.4m	£35.6m (Capital only.)	£13.2m
ANNUAL NEED	£214.4m	£73.3m	£93.8m	£51.7m	To develop
BACKLOG	£128.2m	£261.6m	£132.5m	£207.2m	To develop

TOTAL CURRENT ANNUAL SPEND	TOTAL ANNUAL NEED	TOTAL ANNUAL SHORTFALL	TOTAL BACKLOG
£341m	£433m	£92m	£729m

