

# £200,000 per annum reduction in highway preventative maintenance revenue

## Well-being Impact Assessment Report


This report summarises the likely impact of the proposal on the social, economic, environmental and cultural well-being of Denbighshire, Wales and the world.

Assessment Number:	599
Brief description:	Streetscene: Reduction in revenue budget for highways element of Streetscene. £200k per annum of preventative highway maintenance works (currently funded by Streetscene) will instead be funded using Capital Highways funding. This will result in £200k per year less being spent on highways maintenance. However, the impact of this can be partly mitigated by the formal provision of a base capital budget for highways, enabling the service to plan more strategically over a longer period of time.
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Responsible Service:	Highways & Environmental Services
Localities affected by the proposal:	Whole County,
Who will be affected by the proposal?	Residents and Road users
Was this impact assessment completed as a group?	No

# IMPACT ASSESSMENT SUMMARY AND CONCLUSION

Before we look in detail at the contribution and impact of the proposal, it is important to consider how the proposal is applying the sustainable development principle. This means that we must act "in a manner which seeks to ensure that the needs of the present are met without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs."

## Score for the sustainability of the approach

 ( 2 out of 4 stars ) Actual score : 19 / 30.

## Implications of the score

This proposal is a straight cut in the provision of funding currently being used to sustain a shared asset and therefore must be detrimental to many aspects of accessibility and sustainability across the county

## Summary of impact

Well-being Goals

A prosperous Denbighshire

A resilient Denbighshire

A healthier Denbighshire

A more equal Denbighshire

A Denbighshire of cohesive communities

A Denbighshire of vibrant culture and thriving Welsh language

A globally responsible Denbighshire

Negative

Neutral

Negative

Negative

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Neutral

Negative



## Main conclusions

The conclusion, perhaps not unsurprisingly given that it involves a cut in provision, is that the outcomes will be negative and even if the cut can be supplemented from other funding streams it will still be a cut

## Evidence to support the Well-being Impact Assessment

- We have consulted published research or guides that inform us about the likely impact of the proposal
- We have involved an expert / consulted a group who represent those who may be affected by the proposal
- We have engaged with people who will be affected by the proposal

# THE LIKELY IMPACT ON DENBIGHSHIRE, WALES AND THE WORLD

## A prosperous Denbighshire

<b>Overall Impact</b>	Negative
<b>Justification for impact</b>	The negative outcomes from this proposal far outweigh any positive benefits
<b>Further actions required</b>	Increased reactive maintenance - but this is expensive and usually less effective

### Positive impacts identified:

<b>A low carbon society</b>	Less work using bituminous material will be done
<b>Quality communications, infrastructure and transport</b>	
<b>Economic development</b>	
<b>Quality skills for the long term</b>	
<b>Quality jobs for the long term</b>	
<b>Childcare</b>	

### Negative impacts identified:

<b>A low carbon society</b>	Poor quality roads increase wear and tear on vehicles makes them less efficient
<b>Quality communications, infrastructure and transport</b>	This proposal will result in a poorer quality infrastructure
<b>Economic development</b>	Poor roads are known to be detrimental to transport links and therefore impair economic development
<b>Quality skills for the long term</b>	
<b>Quality jobs for the long term</b>	
<b>Childcare</b>	

## A resilient Denbighshire

<b>Overall Impact</b>	Neutral
<b>Justification for impact</b>	There are pros and cons which could mean that the outcome on the whole is neutral

<b>Further actions required</b>	Increased reactive maintenance - but this is expensive and usually less effective
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### Positive impacts identified:

<b>Biodiversity and the natural environment</b>	This proposal may mean less vegetation is disturbed
<b>Biodiversity in the built environment</b>	N/A
<b>Reducing waste, reusing and recycling</b>	Less surfacing produces less waste
<b>Reduced energy/fuel consumption</b>	There is a negligible benefit in that less energy will be expended in doing the reduced workload but increased energy is likely from the inefficiency of vehicles
<b>People's awareness of the environment and biodiversity</b>	N/A
<b>Flood risk management</b>	

### Negative impacts identified:

<b>Biodiversity and the natural environment</b>	N/A
<b>Biodiversity in the built environment</b>	N/A
<b>Reducing waste, reusing and recycling</b>	
<b>Reduced energy/fuel consumption</b>	
<b>People's awareness of the environment and biodiversity</b>	N/A
<b>Flood risk management</b>	Poor maintenance will result in increased potential for blocked drainage systems

## A healthier Denbighshire

<b>Overall Impact</b>	Negative
<b>Justification for impact</b>	This aspect is overwhelmingly negative
<b>Further actions required</b>	Increased reactive maintenance - but this is expensive and usually less effective

### Positive impacts identified:

<b>A social and physical environment that encourage and support health and well-being</b>	
<b>Access to good quality, healthy food</b>	
<b>People's emotional and mental well-being</b>	
<b>Access to healthcare</b>	
<b>Participation in leisure opportunities</b>	

### Negative impacts identified:

<b>A social and physical environment that encourage and support health and well-being</b>	Poor roads and footways inhibit the desire to use them
<b>Access to good quality, healthy food</b>	N/A though distribution may be affected to an extent
<b>People's emotional and mental well-being</b>	The level of complaints will rise thus showing residents concerns about poor quality
<b>Access to healthcare</b>	There is a chance that this could be compromised but not only that, there is less incentive for people to walk and therefore health issues may increase
<b>Participation in leisure opportunities</b>	Poor roads and footways inhibit the desire to use them

### A more equal Denbighshire

<b>Overall Impact</b>	Negative
<b>Justification for impact</b>	On the whole this proposal is likely to create a negative bias in some areas
<b>Further actions required</b>	Increased reactive maintenance - but this is expensive and usually less effective

### Positive impacts identified:

<b>Improving the well-being of people with protected characteristics. The nine protected characteristics are: age; disability; gender reassignment; marriage or civil partnership; pregnancy and maternity; race; religion or belief; sex; and sexual orientation</b>	
<b>People who suffer discrimination or disadvantage</b>	
<b>Areas with poor economic, health or educational outcomes</b>	
<b>People in poverty</b>	

**Negative impacts identified:**

<b>Improving the well-being of people with protected characteristics. The nine protected characteristics are: age; disability; gender reassignment; marriage or civil partnership; pregnancy and maternity; race; religion or belief; sex; and sexual orientation</b>	For disabled people and pregnant women the risks are increased, For other groups the changes could be negligible
<b>People who suffer discrimination or disadvantage</b>	N/A
<b>Areas with poor economic, health or educational outcomes</b>	N/A
<b>People in poverty</b>	N/A

**A Denbighshire of cohesive communities**

<b>Overall Impact</b>	Negative
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<b>Justification for impact</b>	The proposal is likely to be overwhelmingly negative
<b>Further actions required</b>	Increased reactive maintenance - but this is expensive and usually less effective

**Positive impacts identified:**

<b>Safe communities and individuals</b>	
<b>Community participation and resilience</b>	
<b>The attractiveness of the area</b>	
<b>Connected communities</b>	
<b>Rural resilience</b>	

**Negative impacts identified:**

<b>Safe communities and individuals</b>	Poor quality roads and paths create hazards
<b>Community participation and resilience</b>	Poor surfaces can mean that resilience is reduced - especially in bad weather
<b>The attractiveness of the area</b>	Poor surfaces and reduced maintenance invariably makes areas look worse
<b>Connected communities</b>	A poor highway network must be detrimental to effectively connecting communities
<b>Rural resilience</b>	The effect of these changes, though evenly spread, may well be felt most in rural areas where the highway network is sparser

**A Denbighshire of vibrant culture and thriving Welsh language**

<b>Overall Impact</b>	Neutral
<b>Justification for impact</b>	This proposal is neutral
<b>Further actions required</b>	Increased reactive maintenance - but this is expensive and usually less effective

**Positive impacts identified:**

<b>People using Welsh</b>	
<b>Promoting the Welsh language</b>	
<b>Culture and heritage</b>	

**Negative impacts identified:**

<b>People using Welsh</b>	N/A
<b>Promoting the Welsh language</b>	N/A
<b>Culture and heritage</b>	N/A

## A globally responsible Denbighshire

<b>Overall Impact</b>	Negative
<b>Justification for impact</b>	On the whole this proposal is likely to be negative - especially over a number of years
<b>Further actions required</b>	Increased reactive maintenance - but this is expensive and usually less effective

### Positive impacts identified:

<b>Local, national, international supply chains</b>	
<b>Human rights</b>	
<b>Broader service provision in the local area or the region</b>	

### Negative impacts identified:

<b>Local, national, international supply chains</b>	Supply chains could be compromised - especially over time as the quality of the network reduces
<b>Human rights</b>	N/A
<b>Broader service provision in the local area or the region</b>	