

Revised Highways Code of Practice

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:	718
Brief description:	The introduction of a Code of Practice detailing the minimum standards to which the adopted highway network repaired so as to minimise risk to users
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Responsible Service:	Highways & Environmental Services
Localities affected by the proposal:	Whole County,
Who will be affected by the proposal?	All 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

★ ★ ★ ★ (3 out of 4 stars) Actual score : 25 / 30.

Implications of the score

This proposal is essentially one to ensure we comply with our Statutory duty and therefore the ability to introduce the results of public engagement are limited.

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

Positive

Negative

Positive

Neutral

Positive

Neutral

Positive



Main conclusions

On the whole this proposal is either positive or neutral with only the fairly unavoidable issues around biodiversity being negative.

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

Overall Impact	Positive
Justification for impact	This proposal is designed to focus attention on the areas of greatest need
Further actions required	Careful thought will be given as to how to minimise delays and also how to use innovative processes to prevent the use of unsustainable products

Positive impacts identified:

A low carbon society	Where possible we will recycle as much material as possible
Quality communications, infrastructure and transport	This proposal is focussed on enhancing the quality of the infrastructure
Economic development	A good quality highway network is shown to benefit the local economy
Quality skills for the long term	To do the work will require the in house workforce to develop good quality skills
Quality jobs for the long term	The proposals are designed to be permanent and therefore the requirements to deliver it will also be long lasting
Childcare	N/A

Negative impacts identified:

A low carbon society	By it's nature, road maintenance uses bituminous materials and other non sustainable products
Quality communications, infrastructure and transport	Some small scale delays while work is undertaken
Economic development	Some small scale delays while work is undertaken
Quality skills for the long term	N/A
Quality jobs for the long term	N/A
Childcare	N/A

A resilient Denbighshire

Overall Impact	Negative
Justification for impact	By its very nature Highway Maintenance uses materials from unsustainable sources and also result is the production of sometimes hazardous waste.

Further actions required	New innovations come along all the time and we will do our best to adopt these when possible
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Positive impacts identified:

Biodiversity and the natural environment	This proposal is likely to have neutral impacts as it is on a like for like basis
Biodiversity in the built environment	This proposal is likely to have neutral impacts as it is on a like for like basis
Reducing waste, reusing and recycling	Small scale maintenance should reduce the need to undertake large scale resurfacing which uses unsustainable materials
Reduced energy/fuel consumption	N/A
People's awareness of the environment and biodiversity	N/A
Flood risk management	Part of the proposal is designed to ensure that drainage systems are functioning properly

Negative impacts identified:

Biodiversity and the natural environment	This proposal is likely to have neutral impacts as it is on a like for like basis
Biodiversity in the built environment	This proposal is likely to have neutral impacts as it is on a like for like basis
Reducing waste, reusing and recycling	Where possible we will use renewable products but options are very limited
Reduced energy/fuel consumption	N/A
People's awareness of the environment and biodiversity	N/A
Flood risk management	N/A

A healthier Denbighshire

Overall Impact	Positive
Justification for impact	This proposal should ensure a better quality road and pavement network which in turns gives all users more confidence to use it including runners and cyclists.
Further actions required	There are no negatives to mitigate

Positive impacts identified:

A social and physical environment that encourage and support health and well-being	This proposal should ensure a better quality road and pavement network which in turns gives all users more confidence to use it including runners and cyclists.
Access to good quality, healthy food	N/A
People's emotional and mental well-being	This proposal should ensure a better quality road and pavement network which in turns gives all users more confidence to use it including runners and cyclists.
Access to healthcare	N/A
Participation in leisure opportunities	This proposal should ensure a better quality road and pavement network which in turns gives all users more confidence to use it including runners and cyclists.

Negative impacts identified:

A social and physical environment that encourage and support health and well-being	None
Access to good quality, healthy food	N/A
People's emotional and mental well-being	None
Access to healthcare	N/A
Participation in leisure opportunities	None

A more equal Denbighshire

Overall Impact	Neutral
Justification for impact	This is a like for like proposal designed to benefit everyone rather than targeted at anyone within the nine areas. There is some scope to enhance provision for those in wheel chairs or pushing prams though
Further actions required	This is a like for like proposal with neutral impacts

Positive impacts identified:

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	This proposal should ensure a better quality road and pavement network which in turns gives all users more confidence to use it including runners and cyclists. Disabled users should also benefit from greater provision of dropped crossing access points
People who suffer discrimination or disadvantage	N/A
Areas with poor economic, health or educational outcomes	N/A
People in poverty	N/A

Negative impacts identified:

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	None
People who suffer discrimination or disadvantage	N/A
Areas with poor economic, health or educational outcomes	N/A
People in poverty	N/A

A Denbighshire of cohesive communities

Overall Impact	Positive
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Justification for impact	On the whole the implementation of these proposals will enhance communities by providing a safer road network
Further actions required	This proposal is overwhelming positive

Positive impacts identified:

Safe communities and individuals	These proposals are aimed at minimising risk to road users and providing safe, resilient environments right across the network. a good quality highway improves the ability of communities to be connected and generally makes areas more aesthetically pleasing too.
Community participation and resilience	These proposals are aimed at minimising risk to road users and providing safe, resilient environments right across the network. a good quality highway improves the ability of communities to be connected and generally makes areas more aesthetically pleasing too.
The attractiveness of the area	These proposals are aimed at minimising risk to road users and providing safe, resilient environments right across the network. a good quality highway improves the ability of communities to be connected and generally makes areas more aesthetically pleasing too.
Connected communities	These proposals are aimed at minimising risk to road users and providing safe, resilient environments right across the network. a good quality highway improves the ability of communities to be connected and generally makes areas more aesthetically pleasing too.
Rural resilience	These proposals are aimed at minimising risk to road users and providing safe, resilient environments right across the network. a good quality highway improves the ability of communities to be connected and generally makes areas more aesthetically pleasing too.

Negative impacts identified:

Safe communities and individuals	None
Community participation and resilience	None
The attractiveness of the area	None
Connected communities	None
Rural resilience	None

A Denbighshire of vibrant culture and thriving Welsh language

Overall Impact	Neutral
Justification for impact	These proposals don't impact of culture or heritage ether positively or negatively
Further actions required	This is a neutral proposal that cannot influence this aspect

Positive impacts identified:

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

Negative impacts identified:

People using Welsh	
Promoting the Welsh language	
Culture and heritage	

A globally responsible Denbighshire

Overall Impact	Positive
Justification for impact	The benefit of the proposal with respect to these goals is minimal but it is there
Further actions required	Where possible we will source materials that address any potential negativity

Positive impacts identified:

Local, national, international supply chains	Historically we have always sought to use local suppliers and labour and this won't change
Human rights	Any procurement of goods and materials will be done responsibly so as to ensure that issues such as modern slavery are precluded
Broader service provision in the local area or the region	N/A

Negative impacts identified:

Local, national, international supply chains	None
Human rights	None
Broader service provision in the local area or the region	N/A