



The State we're in - highways and street lighting

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Councillor says 'we look stupid' over potholes



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There are currently 11,000 pothole repair jobs in Lancashire County Council's "work in progress" pile

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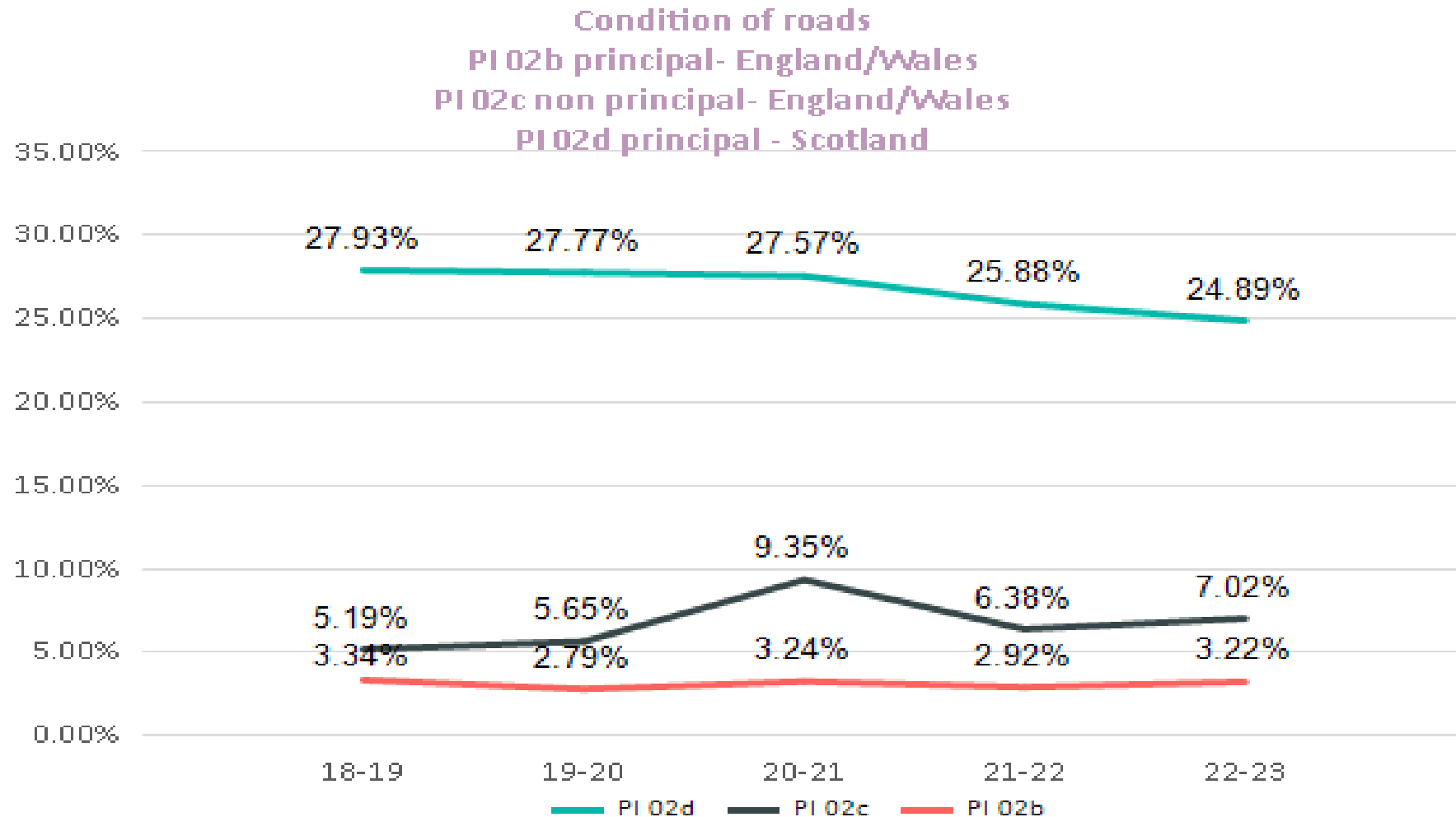




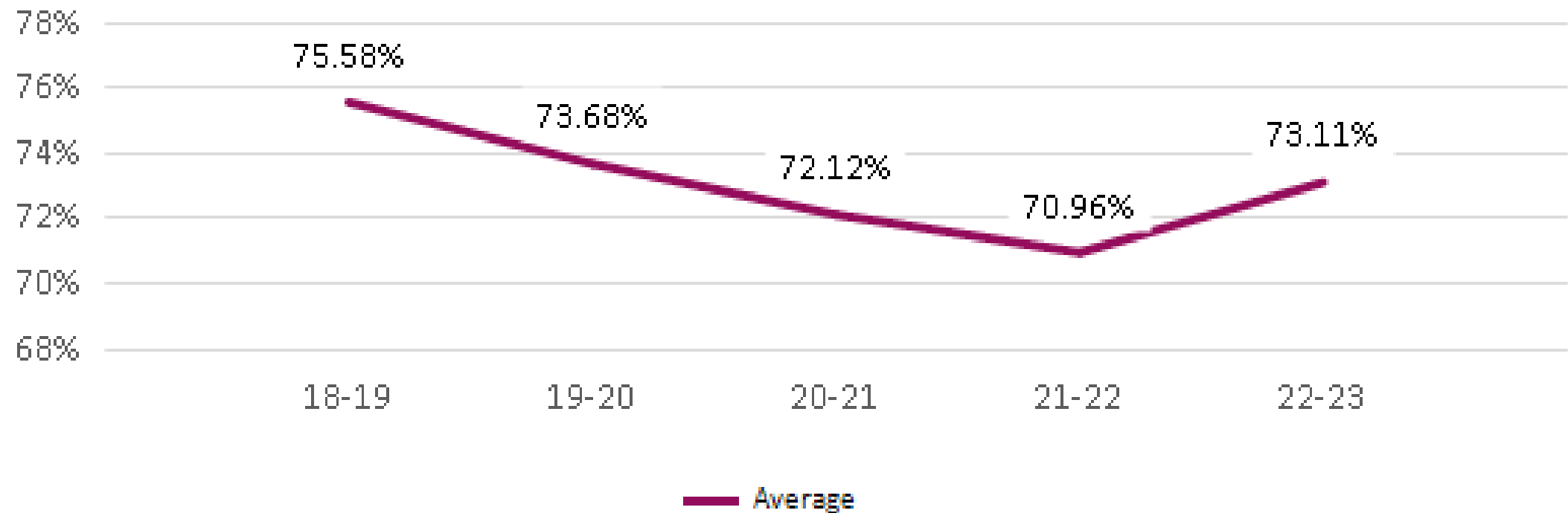
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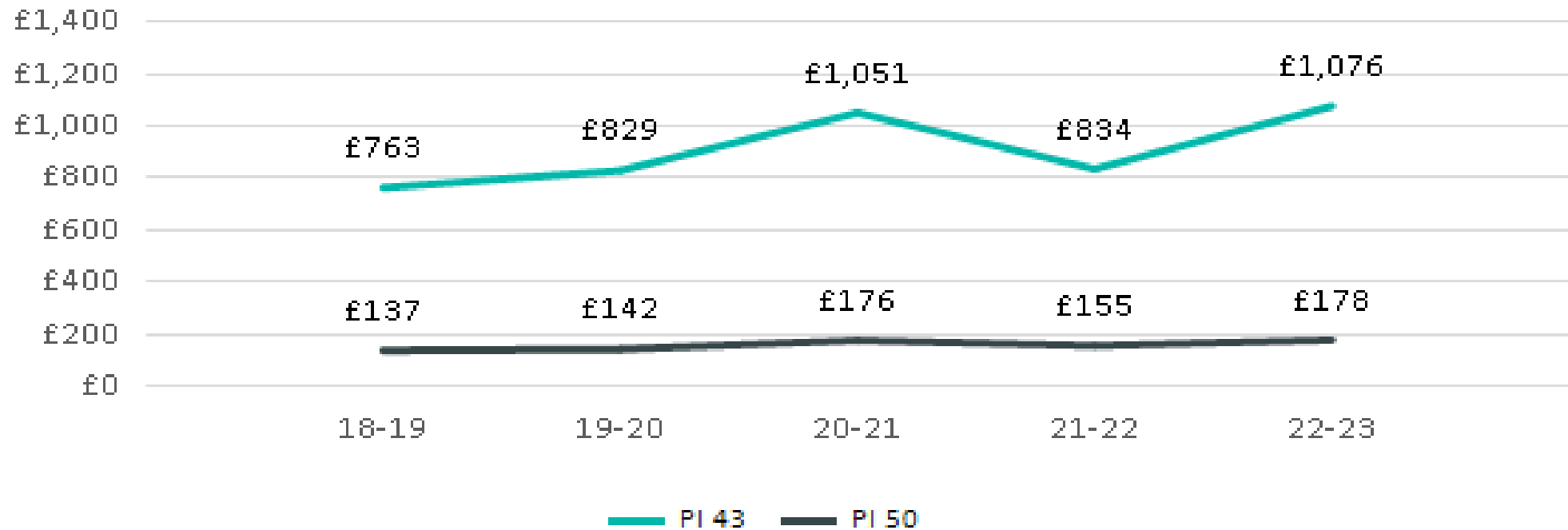


PI 16 Percentage of actual maintenance expenditure (carriageways and footways) which is planned

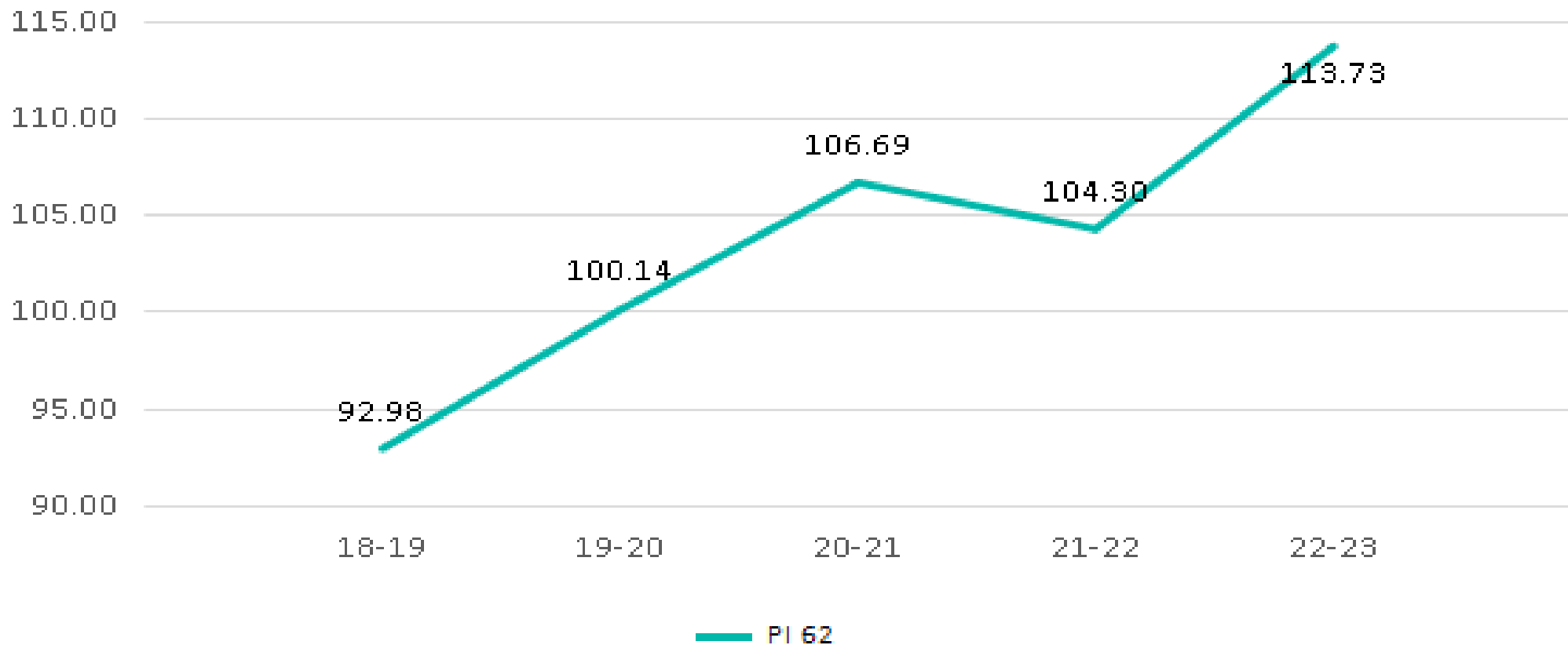


PI 43 Total cost for carriageway winter maintenance treatment over entire winter period divided by the total carriageway network length

PI 50 Total cost for footway winter maintenance treatment over the entire winter period divided by the total footway network length



PI 62 Kg of salt used per km of road treated



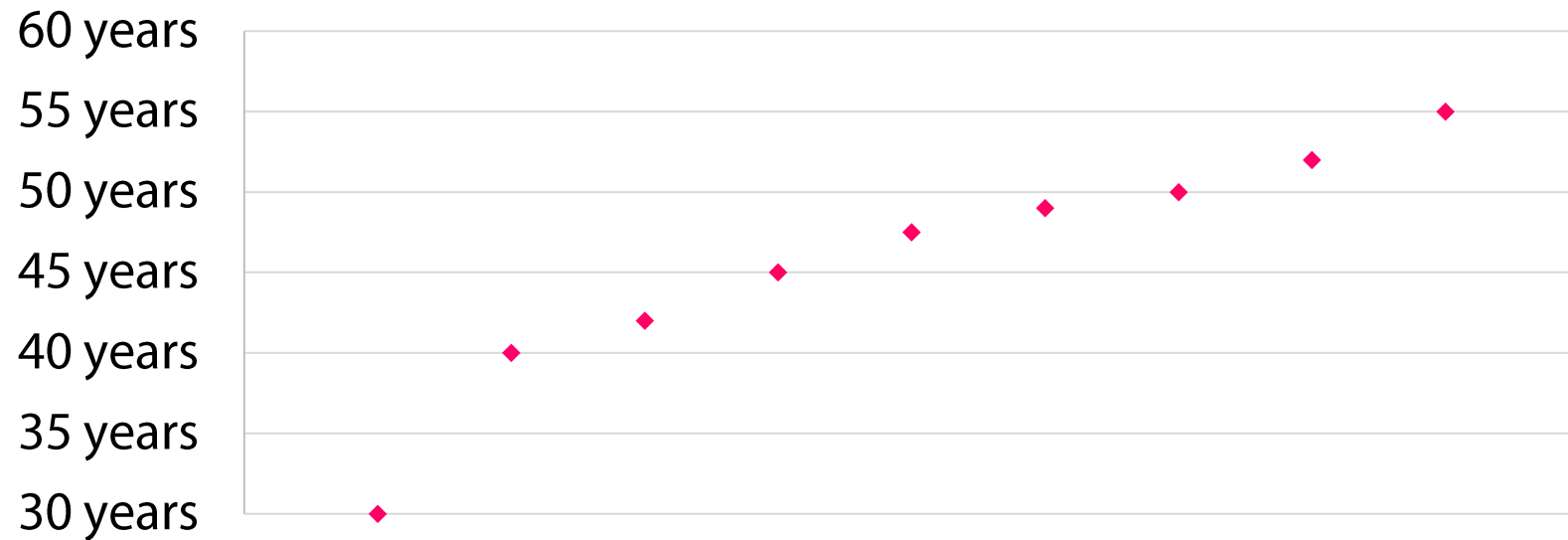
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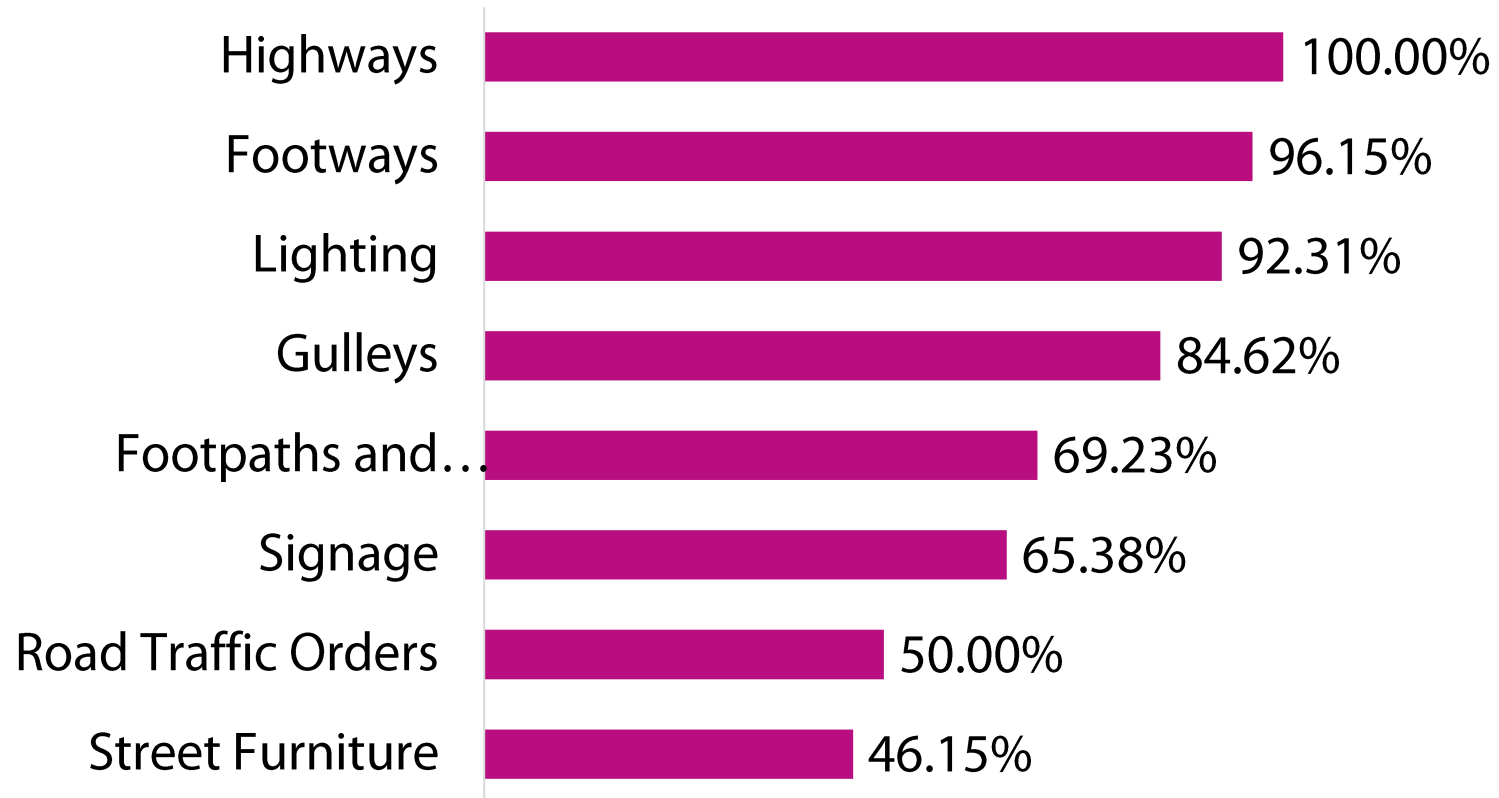


Technical/managerial staff



What is the average age of your highways maintenance operational staff?





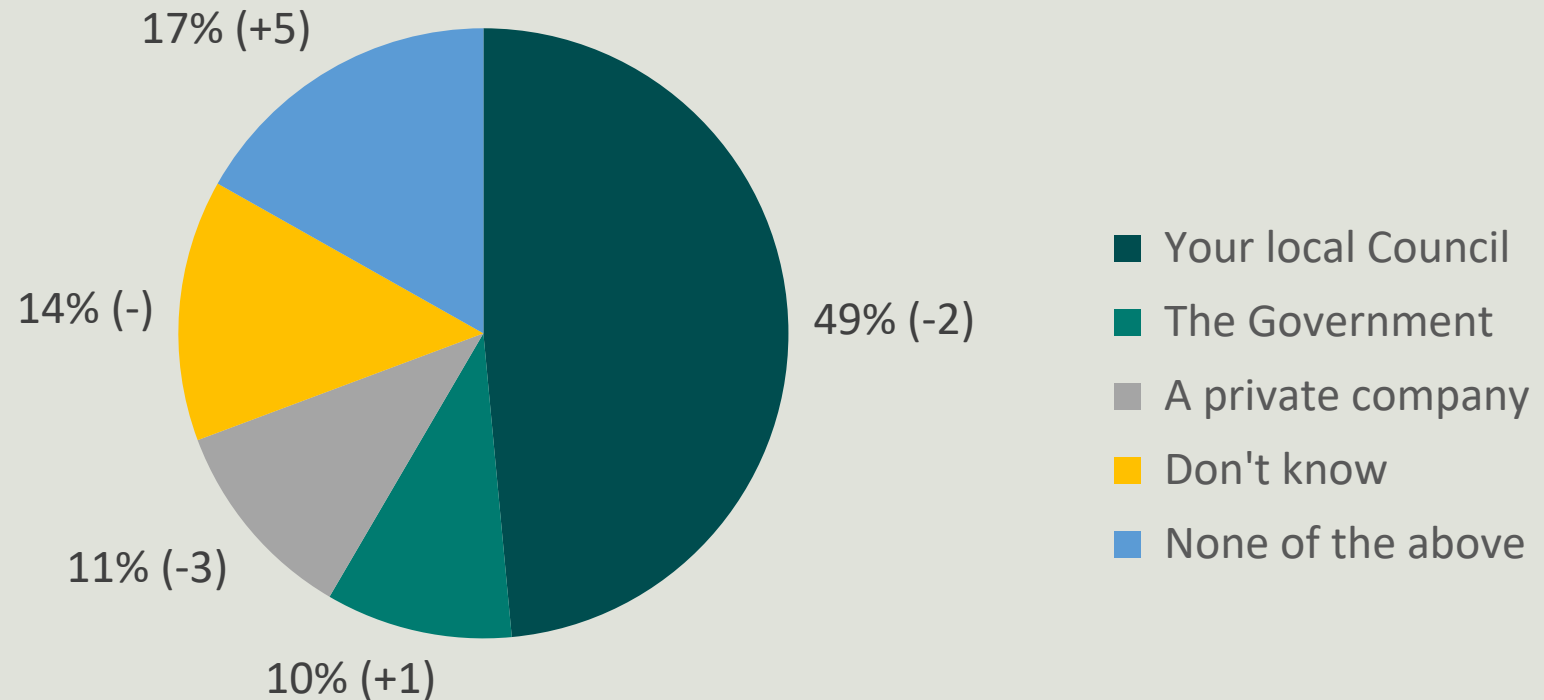
Key fact 1: Relative Trust in Councils high

Trust in Councils and Councillors has decreased slightly in the past year, as trust in Government and Ministers has also declined. However, trust in Councils and Councillors is still high overall compared to trust in Government and Ministers.

- **Four times as many people trust local councils (49%)** to make decisions about how services are delivered in their local areas compared to national government (12%).
- **Eight times as many people trust local councillors (51%)** more than government ministers (6%) to make decisions about how services are provided in their local area.
- **Local councils are trusted more than 4 times** than Government or Private companies to deliver services in their area

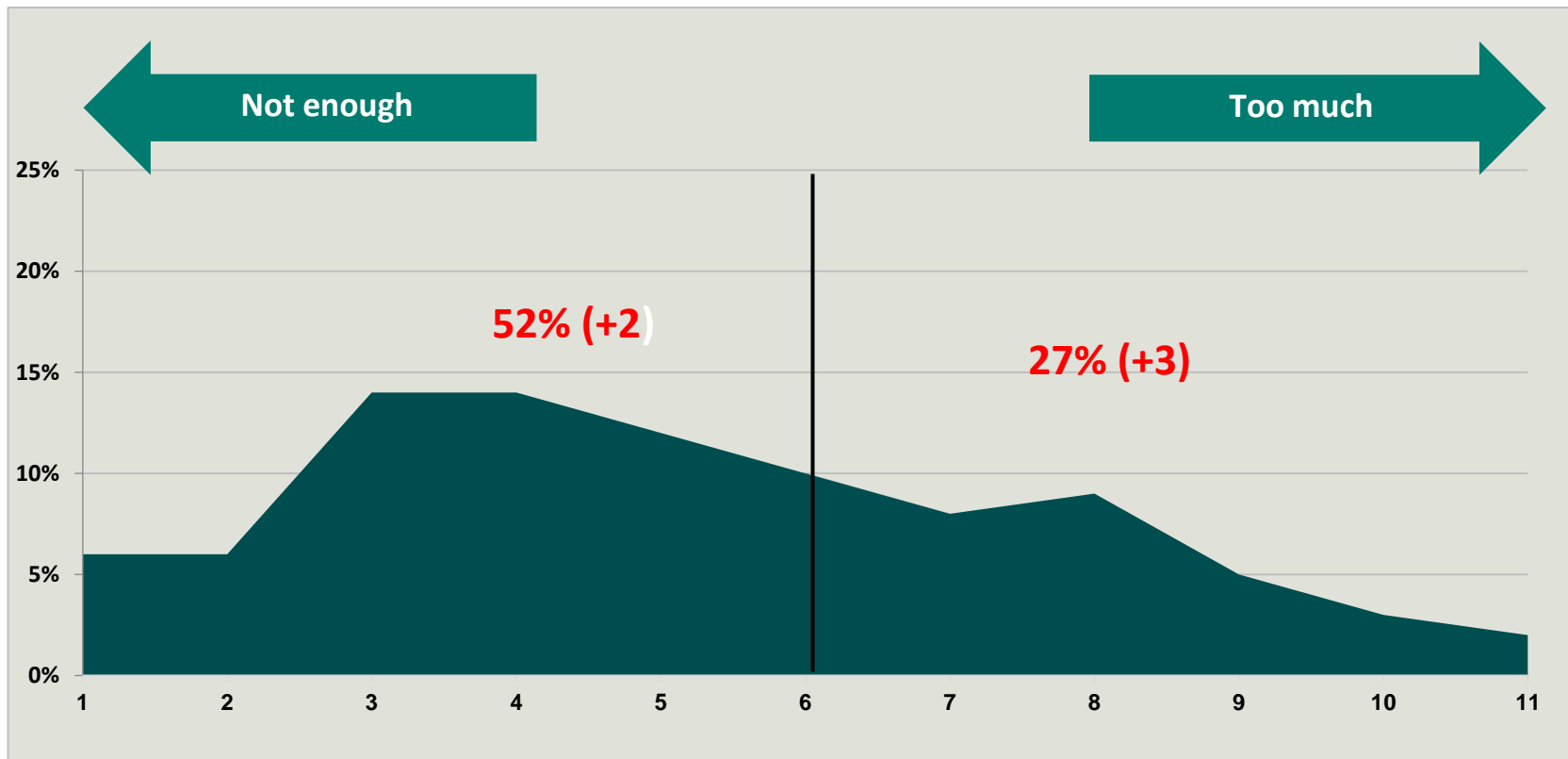
Councils trusted to deliver services over 4x more than the Government or private companies

Who do you trust the most to make decisions about how services are delivered in your local area? [Comparison with 2022]



Enough of your taxes spent in your area?

Do you think that enough of your tax is spent on services in your local area? [comparison with 2022]

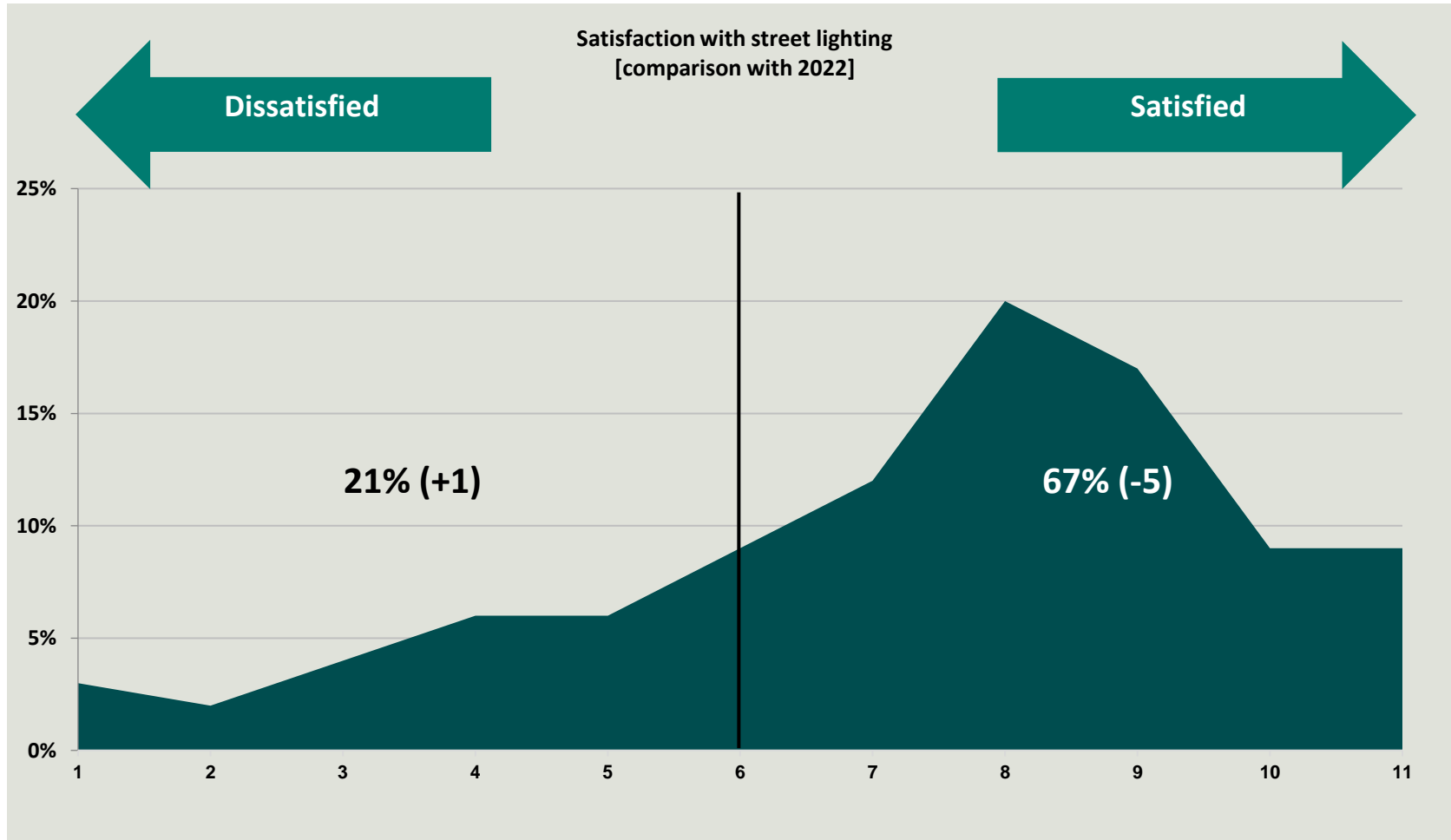


Public want Councils to get more funding

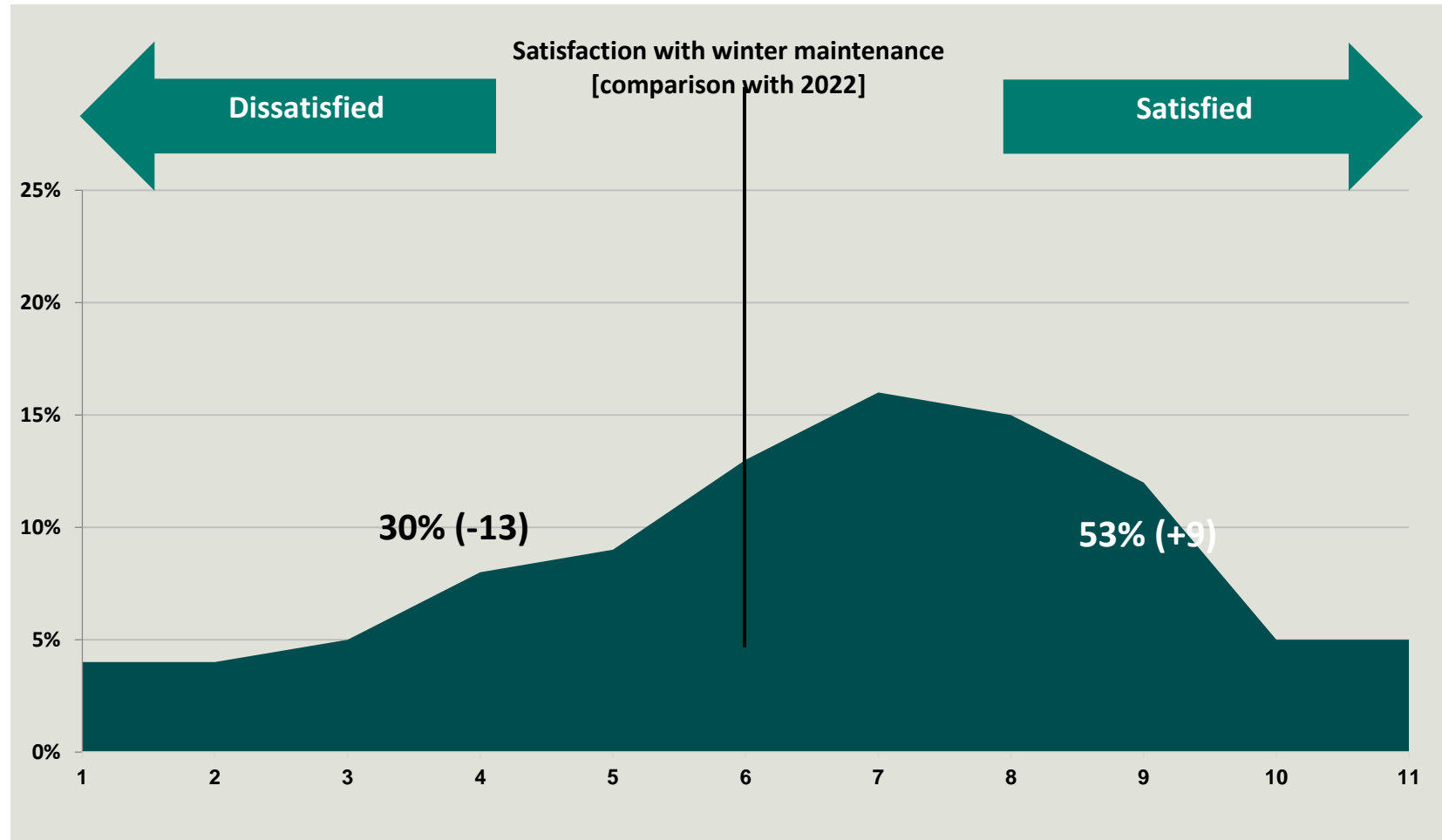
More funding for councils vs Gov to keep more [comparison with 2022]



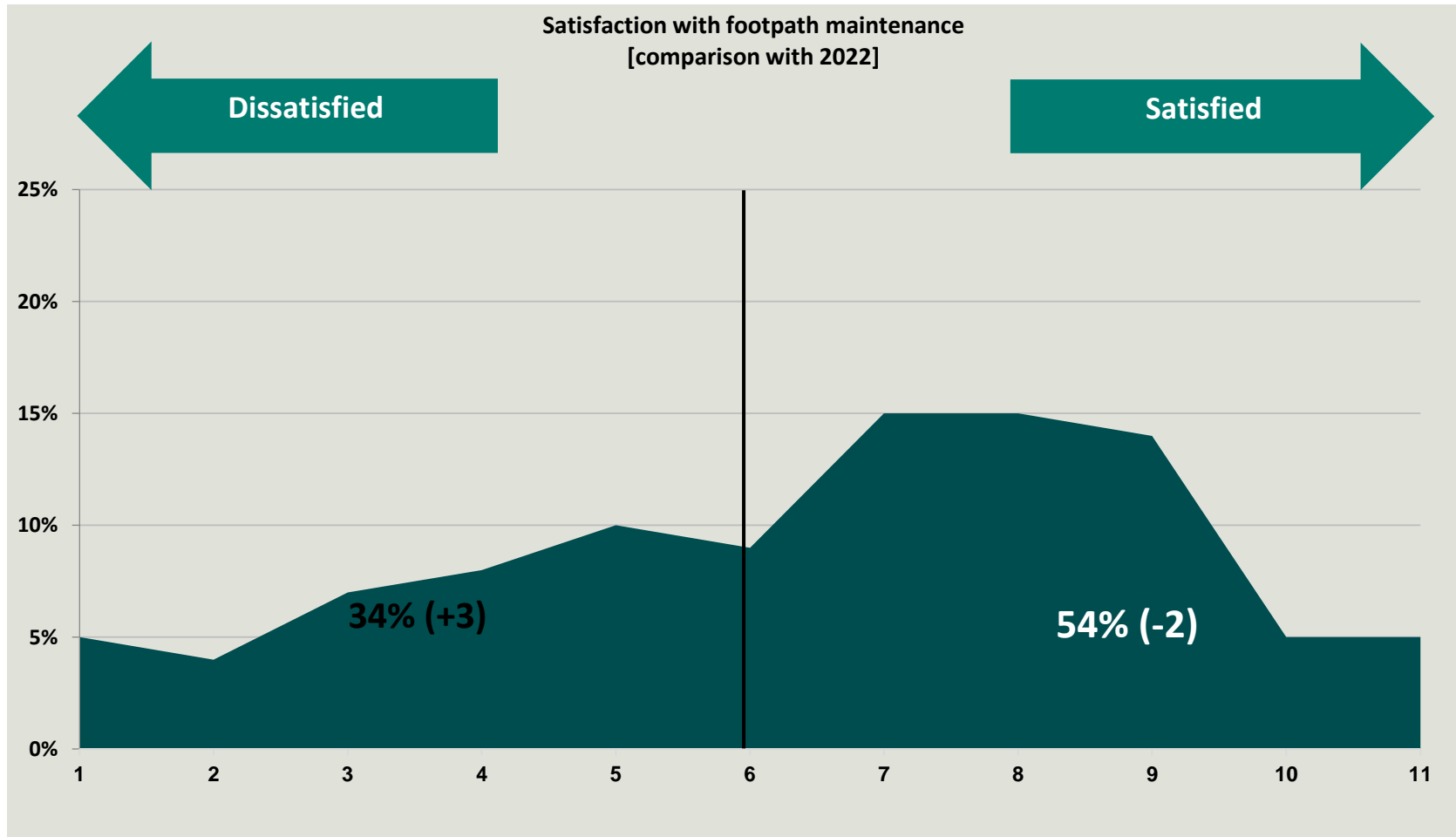
Street Lighting



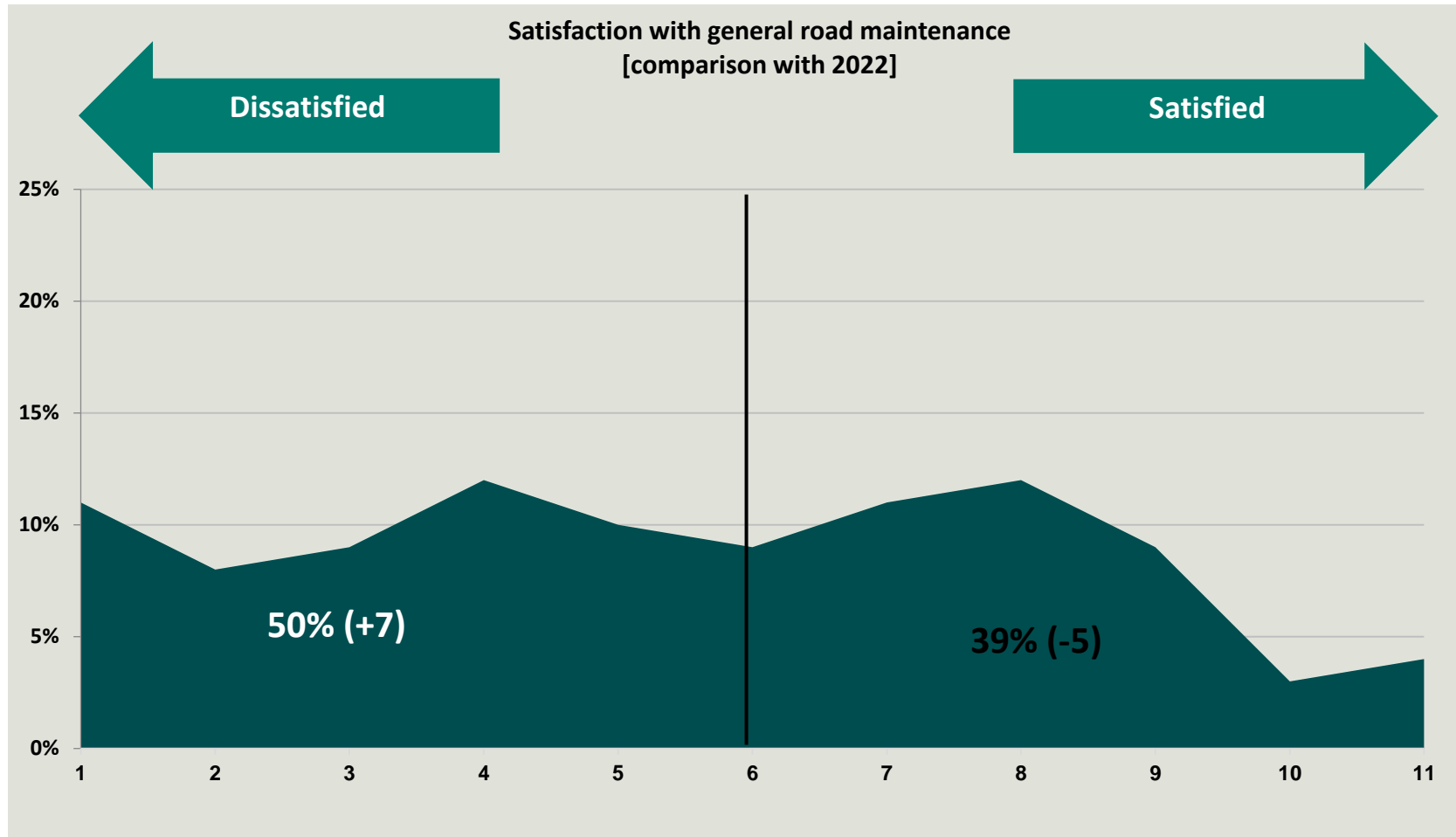
Winter Maintenance



Footpath maintenance

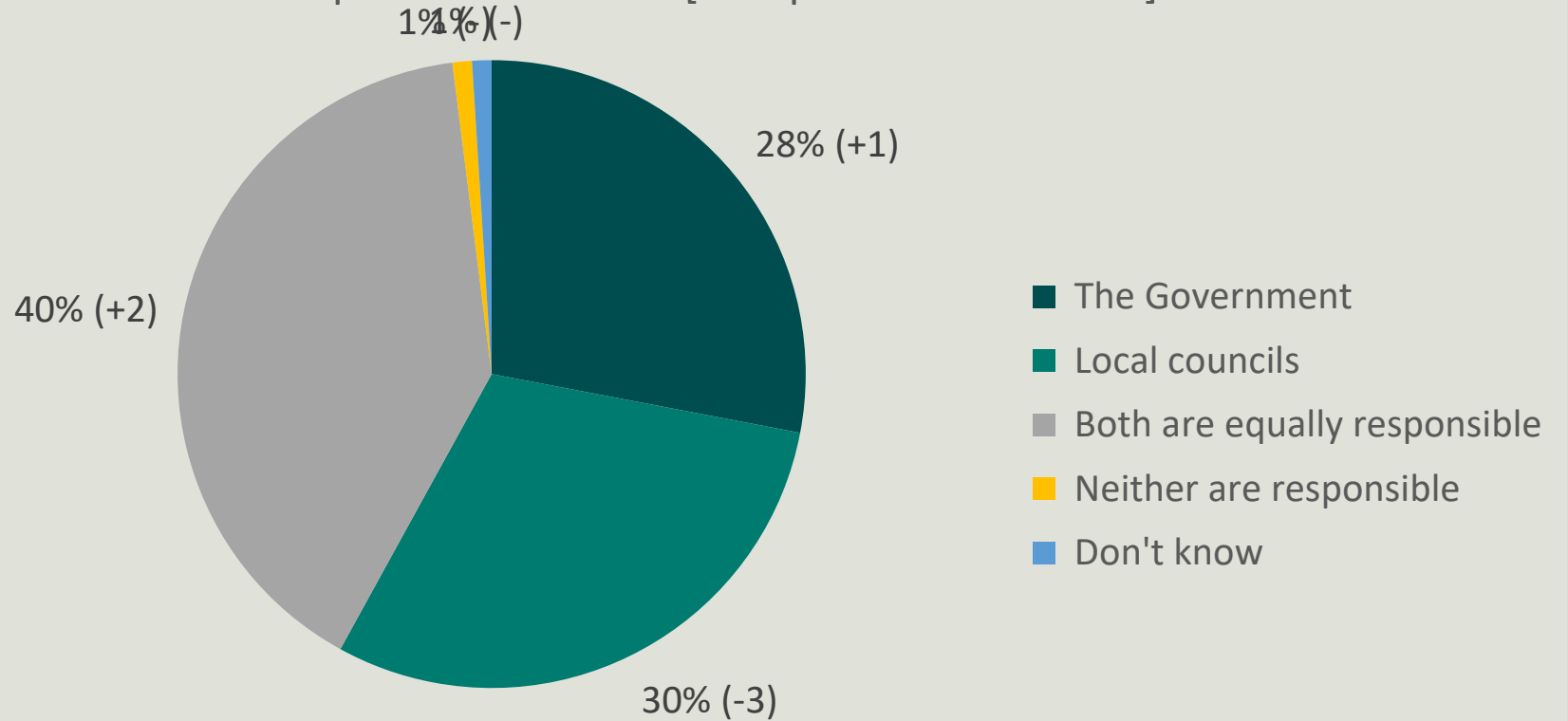


Road maintenance



Opinion divided about where blame for decline lies

You said that local services have declined in your local area in recent years. Who do you think is the most responsible for this? [Comparison with 2022]



Street lighting and Affordable housing top preferences for cuts in face of bankruptcy

Recently, Birmingham City Council declared itself bankrupt. 26 other local authorities are potentially facing bankruptcy. One way local authorities try to avoid this is by cutting spending on certain services or stop providing altogether. Rank each of the

- The lighting on streets
- The amount of affordable housing
- The footpath maintenance
- The general road maintenance
- The winter maintenance (e.g. gritting)
- Care for children
- The waste and recycling collection
- Care for adults

Highways

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Essex plans to bring maintenance in-house

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Essex County Council is planning to bring more highways maintenance in-house when procurement for a new contract starts next year.

The plans have been floated by the Conservative-led council, although its current contract with Ringway Jacobs, which was first agreed back in 2012, does not run out for another three years.



National Underground Asset Register (NUAR)

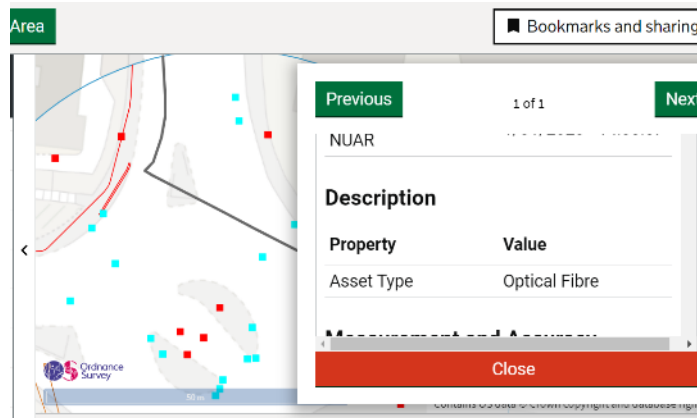
About NUAR – A request please, to help improve resilience!

- The Geospatial Commission is building a digital map of underground pipes and cables that will revolutionise the way we install, maintain, operate and repair our buried infrastructure - the **National Underground Asset Register (NUAR)**.
- NUAR will improve the efficiency and safety of underground works by creating a secure, auditable, trusted and sustainable platform.
- It will provide a consistent, interactive digital map of buried asset data, accessible when, where and how it is needed by those planning and executing excavations on behalf of underground asset owners.
- It will also lead to enhanced communication between parties and improve data quality.



£350m pa economic benefits

- The estimated economic cost of accidental strikes on underground pipes and cables is £2.4 billion a year
- The economic benefits of NUAR are estimated to be £350m per year
- This consists of benefits in efficiencies, reduced asset strikes and reduced delays to the public and businesses
- We have published the approach taken to estimate the relevant benefits



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NUAR

Description

Property	Value
Asset Type	Optical Fibre

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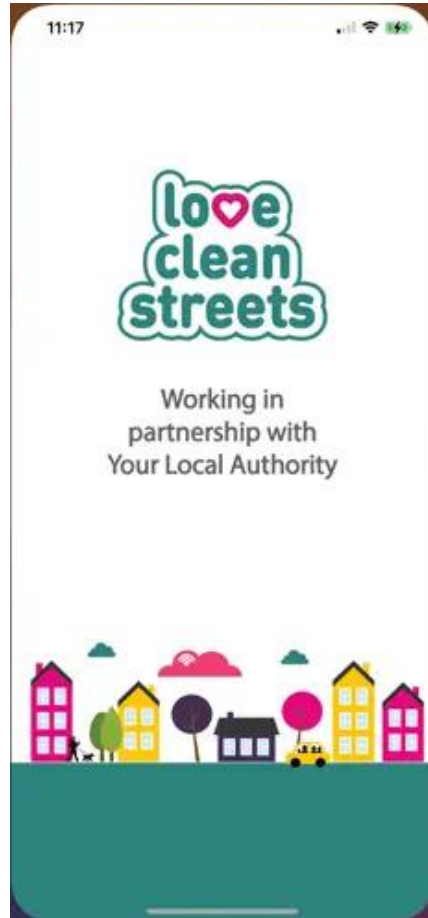


Benefits for a wide range of users

- Asset Owners - efficiencies in sharing data
- Excavators - reduced risks of asset strikes
- Data managers - improved data quality
- Planners - efficiencies in sourcing data and reduced risks of asset strikes
- Plant protection officers - greater knowledge of activity near assets
- General public and businesses - reduced delays from accidental strikes

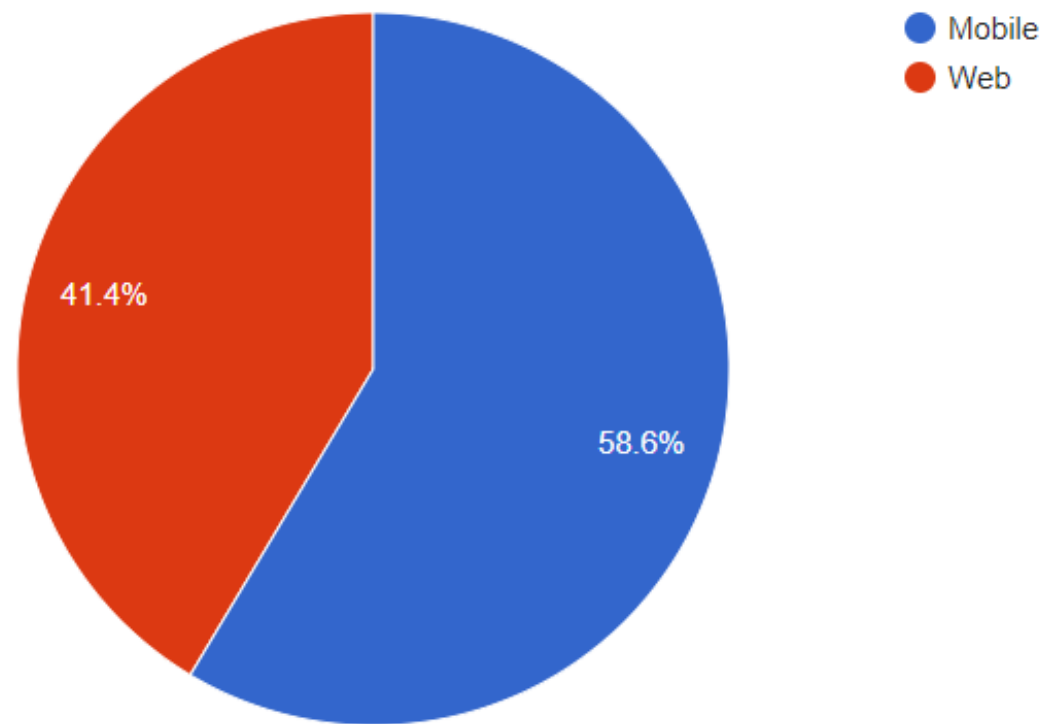
NUAR team have five 30-minute webinars scheduled for October and November. Sign-up using the links below, when we will be exploring:

- The Legal Framework surrounding NUAR on [Wednesday 8 November](#)
- Data and adding it to the platform on [Wednesday 15 November](#)
- The role of NUAR Administrators on [Wednesday 29 November](#)

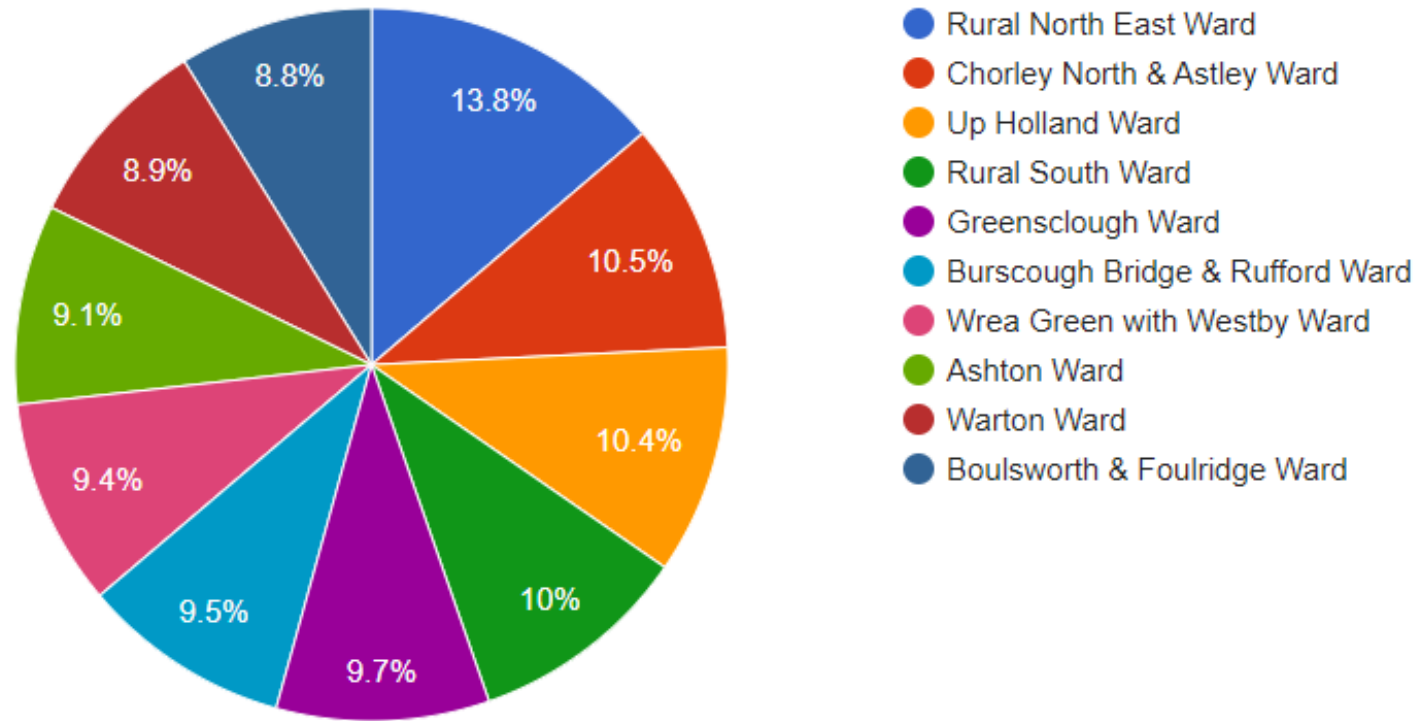




Reporting Channel between 01/01/2024 - 31/01/2024



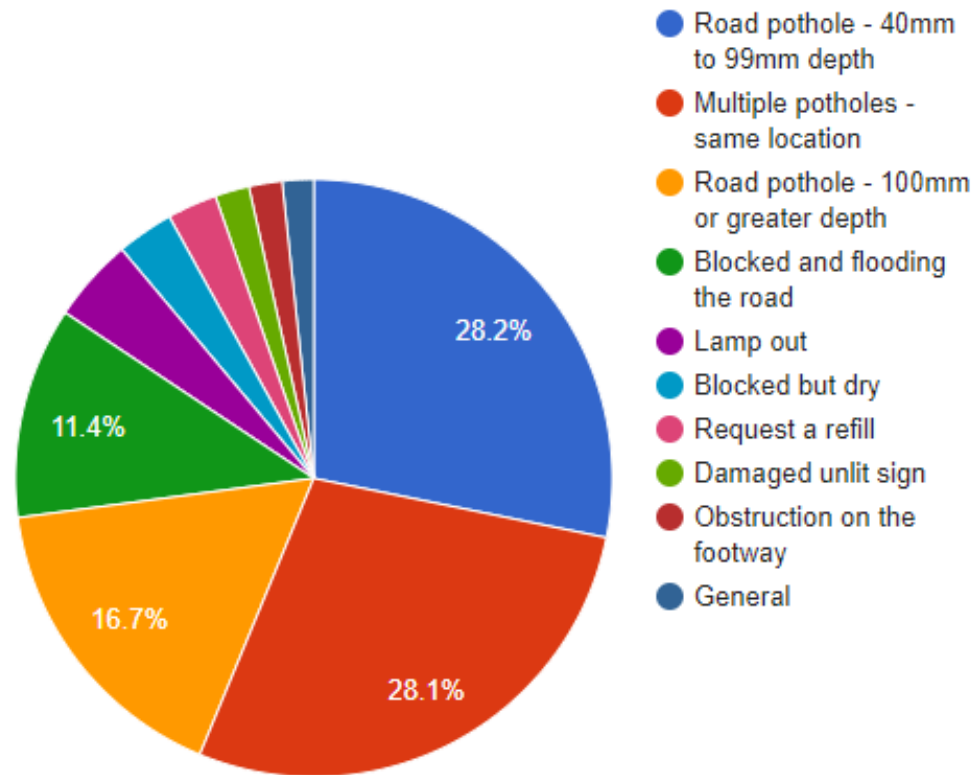
Reports by Ward between 01/01/2024 - 31/01/2024





Authority Stats	Number of Reports
Todays Reports	296
Yesterdays Reports	536
Last 7 Days	3,217
This Month	9,216
Last Month	11,795

Top 10 categories for the month





Top 10 Reported Categories

Provides the top ten most reported categories across the timescale you select

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Last Month

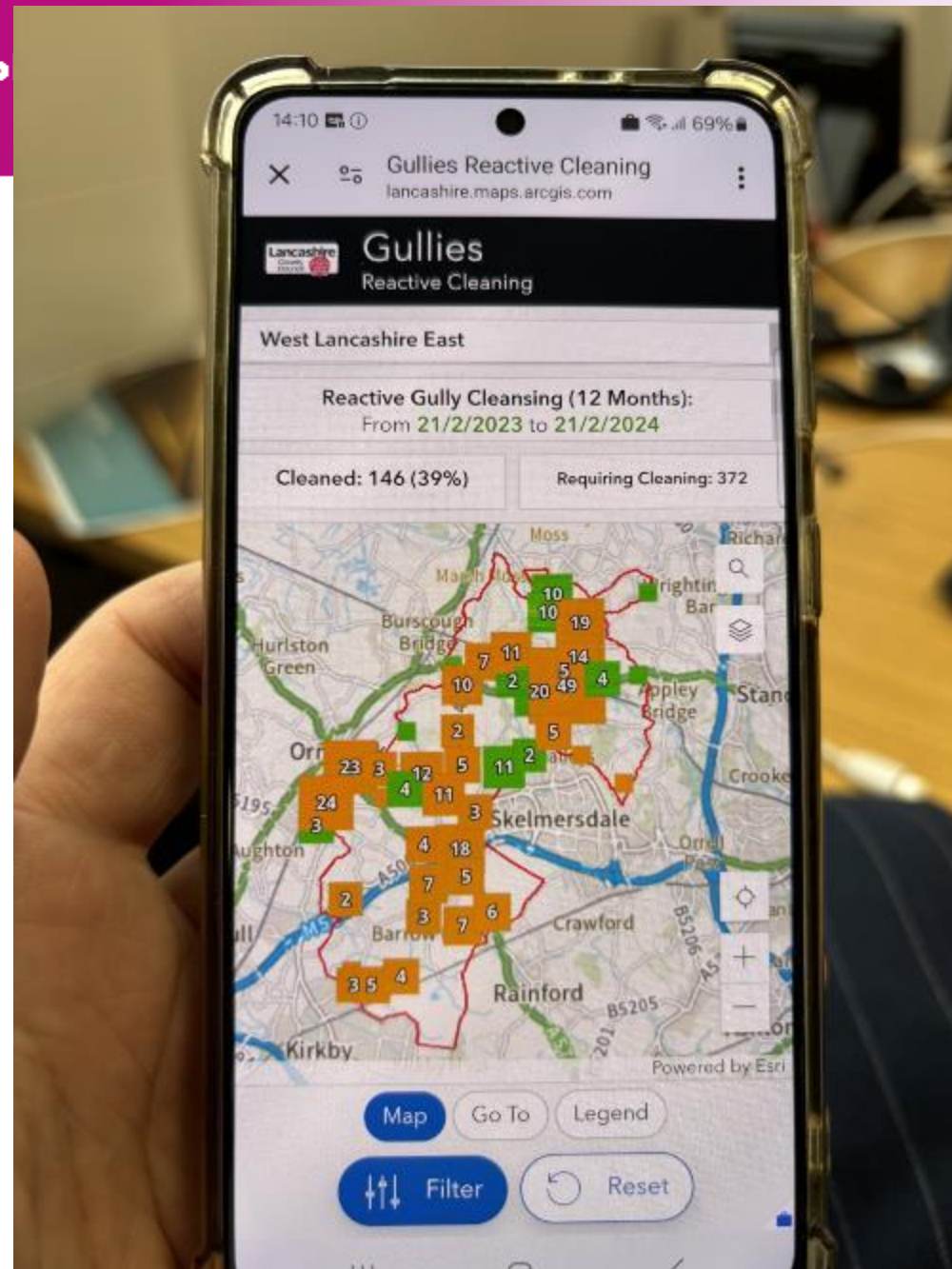
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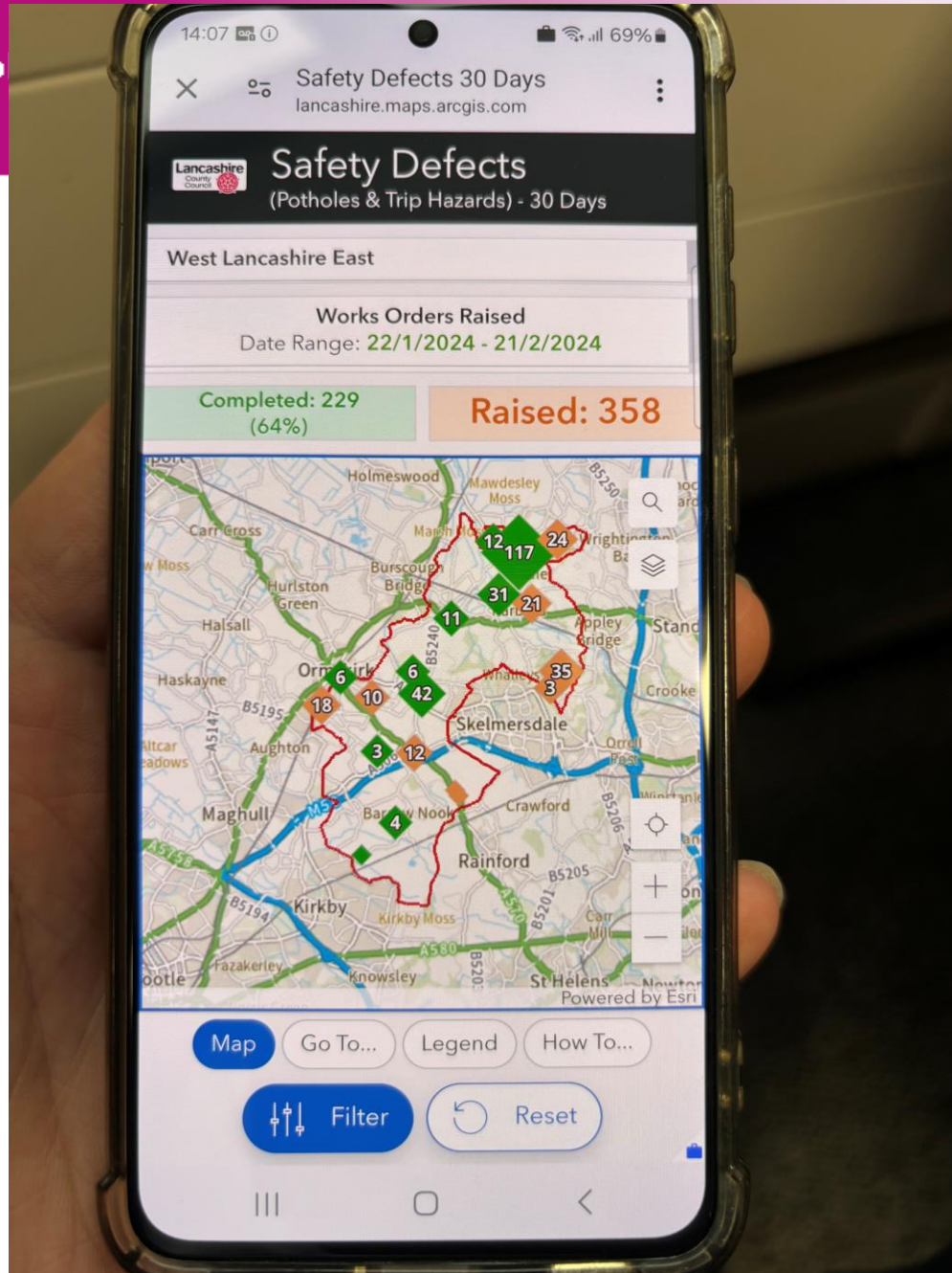
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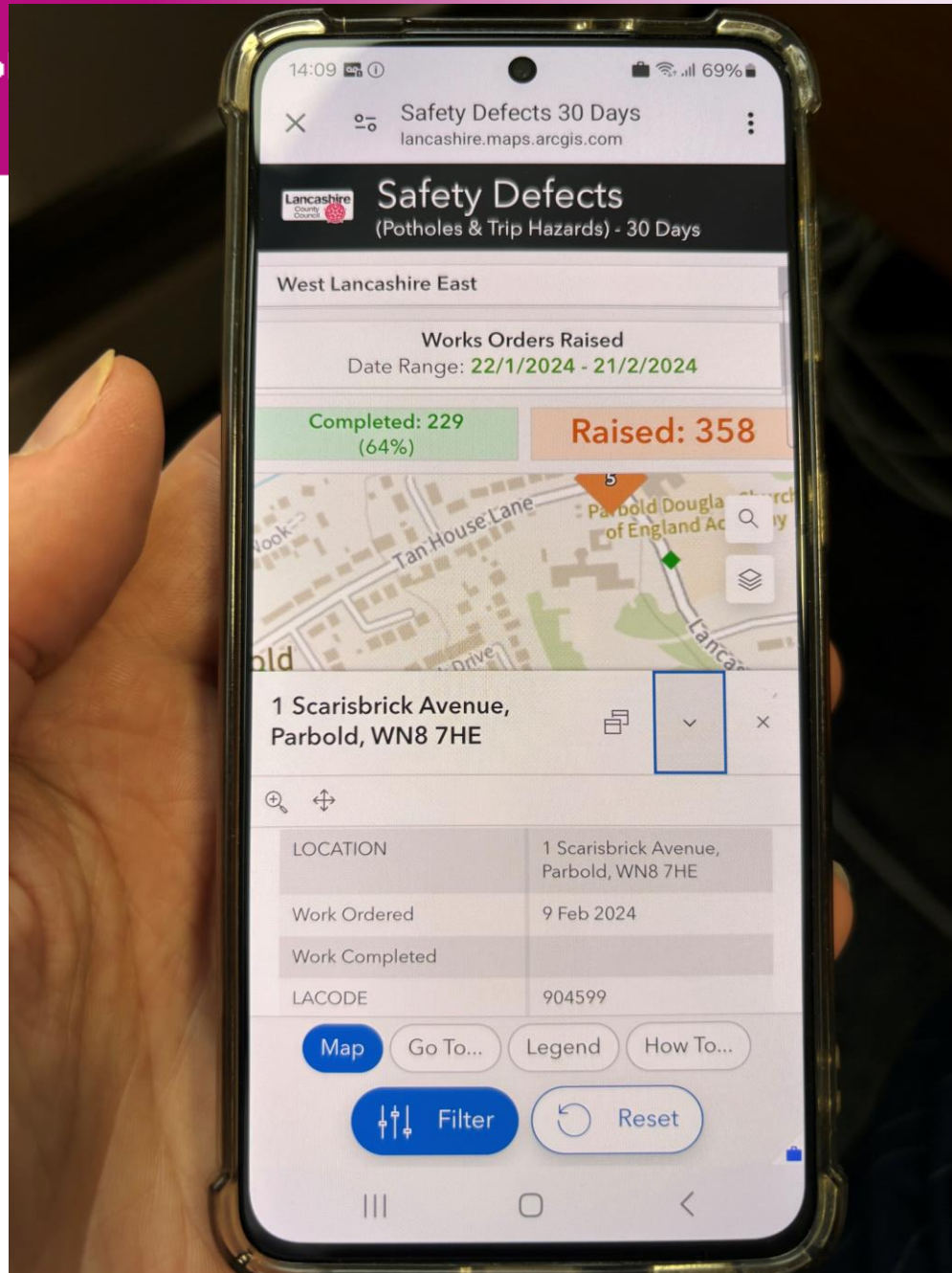
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Top 10 Reported Categories between 01/01/2024 - 31/01/2024

Category	Number of Reports	Percentage
Road pothole - 40mm to 99mm depth	2,216	23.64
Multiple potholes - same location	1,901	20.28
Blocked and flooding the road	1,410	15.04
Road pothole - 100mm or greater depth	1,358	14.49
Request a refill	719	7.67
Lamp out	583	6.22
Blocked but dry	394	4.2
Request new grit bin	337	3.6
Damaged unlit sign	232	2.47
General	224	2.39







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