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# Highways, Street Lighting and Winter Maintenance Advisory Group

## DfT Update

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# Local Highways maintenance and major roads funding...

## Highways Maintenance

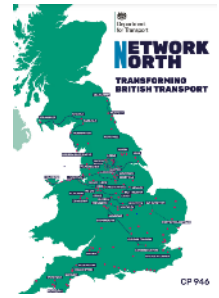
- Network North announced £8.3 billion of additional funding for local highways maintenance activities such as the resurfacing of local road networks. This will provide £3.3 billion in the North, £2.2 billion in the Midlands, and £2.8 billion nationally outside of the North and Midlands.
- The additional funding will be allocated over an 11-year period, from 2023/24 to 2033/34. Indicative funding allocations for local authorities are [published on GOV.UK](#).

## MRN2 and major roads

- The announcement included funding uplifts for MRN/LLM schemes already in the programme and a 'MRN2' programme for post 2025, with £1.46 bn allocated for these purposes in the North, £0.9bn in the Midlands and £1.61bn for the rest of England outside London.
- We will issue guidance on eligibility and process for MRN2 in the spring of 2024. Existing MRN schemes will be informed of the process for the uplift in due course. We will be working closely with Strategic Transport Bodies in both cases.



# ...and funding, both inside and outside City Regions!



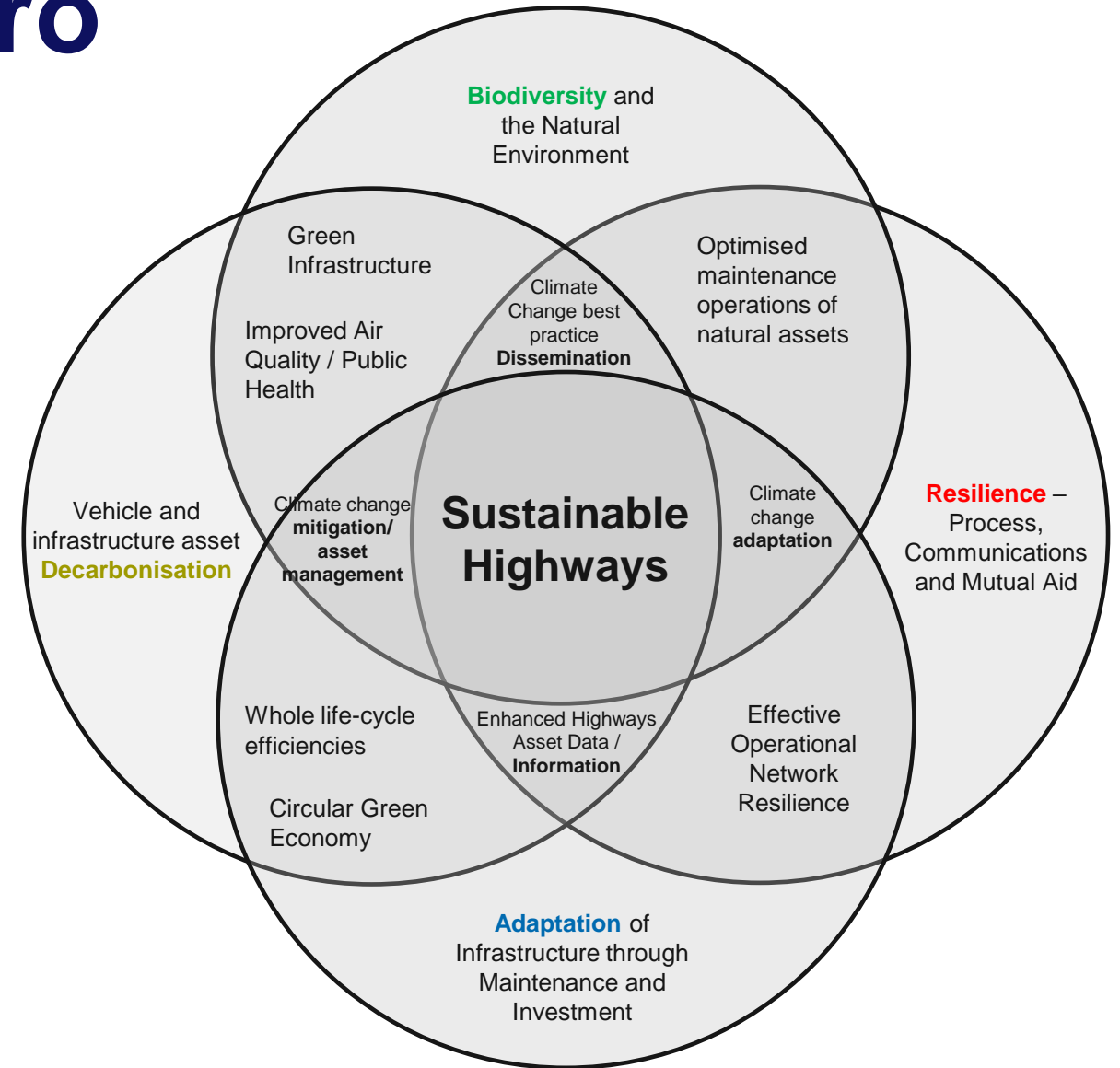
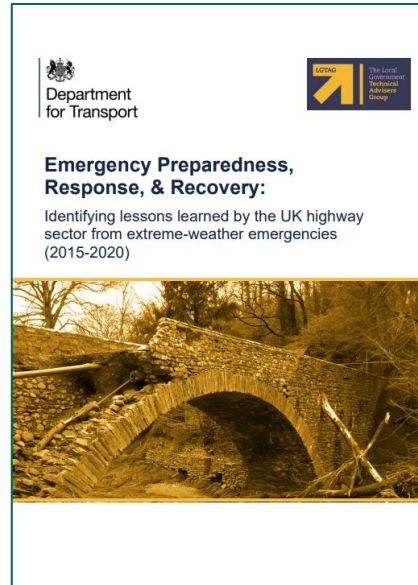
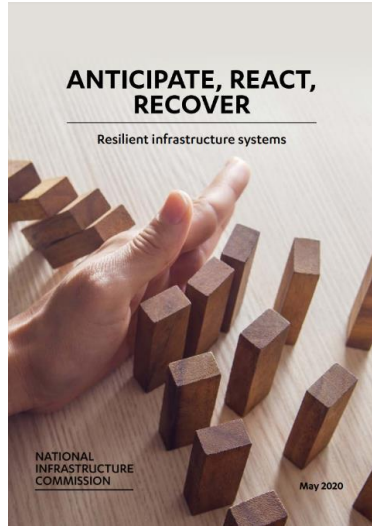
## City Region Sustainable Transport Settlement (CRSTS)

- Network North announced an additional £8.55 billion in funding for CRSTS. This uplift will provide an additional £3.9 billion for the Northern city regions, over £1 billion for the West Midlands and £100 million for the West of England. It will also include £1.5 billion for the soon to be created East Midlands Combined County Authority, as well as £2 billion of funding to continue delivery of West Yorkshire Mass Transit.
- The CRSTS2 funding period runs from 2027/28 until 2031/32. Indicative allocations for CRSTS2 have been published with final allocations to be confirmed in due course.

## Local Integrated Transport Settlements (LITS)

- Local Integrated Transport Settlements (LITS) is a new £4.7bn fund for local authorities, outside city-regions, in the North and Midlands. Local communities know best what transport solutions work in their areas and so this fund will empower local authorities to fund the local transport interventions that meet their needs. The 7-year integrated funding period will run from 2025/26 until 2031/32.
- We would expect this money to be used for reducing congestion; helping buses move through our streets more quickly; upgrading junctions to make them safer and smoother; enabling children to travel to school safely; making our streets more pleasant and feel safer, especially at night; and other projects that communities at a local level will find valuable.
- Indicative funding allocations for local authorities will be published on GOV.UK shortly. We will also be publishing guidance to help LITS recipients make the most of the funding available and set out the fund's accountability framework.

# Resilience and net-zero



## Hazard Survey - (nhtnetwork.co.uk) – please do fill in!

Initial feedback from the Hazard Survey is that for those who fill it in the insight provided is massive. Real candid insight ... collected for the first time

# ...what DfT are doing about it currently?

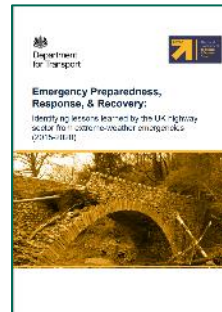
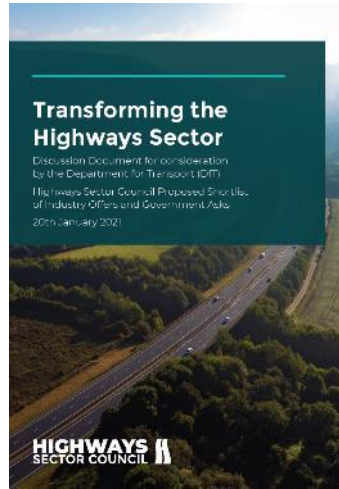


Traffic Signals Upgrades

New Data Standard for Monitoring of Road Condition



Bidding for a sustainable long-term funding settlement for local highways maintenance and investment



Resilient highway networks guidance- the independent Deeming report - - 2 years in report underway

Live Labs 2  
Winning Projects



£30 million HM Government investment into the Live Labs 2: Decarbonising Local Roads programme run by ADEPT

# National Underground Asset Register (NUAR)

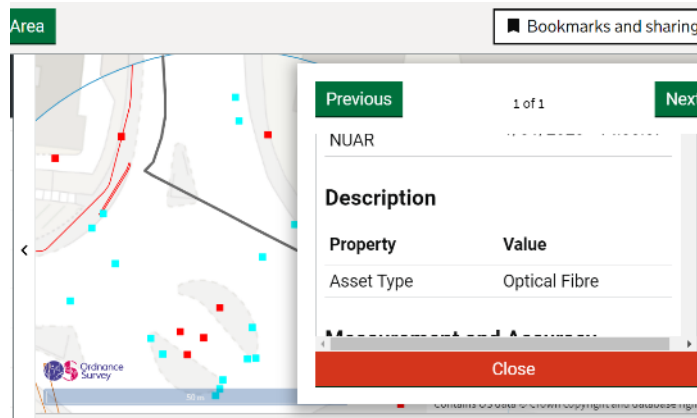
## About NUAR – A request please, to help improve resilience!

- 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](#)