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CRAIGAVON BOROUGH COUNCIL**

Annual Report 2026/27

Pedestrian Crossing and Resurfacing Scheme, Dungannon Road, Portadown

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Foreword

I have pleasure in submitting the Roads 2026/27 Annual Report on the work of the Department for Infrastructure (DfI) Roads across the Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough Council area.

This report deals with works completed across the Council area during the year 2025/26 and sets out our initial proposals for schemes to be undertaken in the year 2026/27.

The road network is Northern Ireland's largest and most valuable public strategic infrastructure asset valued at approximately £37bn. It provides real benefits for our citizens, our communities and the economy. It delivers for people every day by providing and maintaining the things that we all need to go about our daily lives. It is recognised that there is much more to do as we seek to improve and protect the vital road network. In an effort to do this we have published the new Road Maintenance Strategy that will put us in a strong position to progress a modern, data-driven approach to maintaining the road network, ensuring that resources are used as effectively and efficiently as possible. It seeks to raise maintenance standards by delivering higher-quality, longer-lasting repairs and targeting investment where it is needed most.

The Department will continue to prioritise delivery of essential services for maintaining public safety, protecting the transport network, and addressing regional imbalance. To help address historic underfunding additional funding has been allocated to essential maintenance and enhancing signs and lining and builds upon the existing level of service.

While a formal Budget has not yet been agreed by the Executive, for planning purposes, an opening indicative allocation for structural maintenance of approximately £98m is being provided, which is approximately £30m higher than the opening allocation in the previous year. From this allocation the Department has targeted approximately £12.5m towards a Roads Recovery Fund. This funding will enable the delivery of the highest priority resurfacing, roadside stability and drainage projects. Further details of those projects to be delivered within the Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough area are contained within this report.

For many years, the Department has operated within a constrained Resource budget and has continued to prioritise key essential services. This means that Limited Service policy will continue for routine maintenance activities such as defect repair, grass cutting and gully emptying. The Limited Service policy allows the Department to repair defects greater than 50mm on all roads including low trafficked rural roads and on high trafficked roads defects greater than 20mm will also be repaired, subject to available resources. The Department will aim to cut all sightline grass at least twice between April and October on more heavily trafficked roads and once a year on other roads when it is safe to do so. This aims to balance the need

for road safety while protecting our environment and encouraging biodiversity. However, sightlines at bends and junctions will be cut as frequently as required to ensure public safety. The Department has included additional funding towards improving the quality of patch repairs also increasing it's Resourcing funding to continue to improve the extent and quality of patch repairs, enhancing our ability to clean drainage, and enhancing signage repair and refreshing white lines.

To help prioritise, the Department is developing a Transport Strategy 2035, which sets out a long-term vision and strategic framework for the region. The Strategy aims to support economic growth, strengthen regional balance, and enhance connectivity, while promoting a more sustainable transport system. It brings together key transport policy objectives within a single overarching framework, providing greater clarity on the context for the Department's decisions and the actions required across government to support delivery of these strategic outcomes.

In parallel, Local Transport Plans are being developed alongside councils' Local Development Plans to ensure a more integrated approach to transport and land use planning.

The Department recognises the importance of investing in pedestrian and cycling infrastructure and the Everyday Active Travel Urban Delivery Plan will provide a firm basis for the development of improved walking, wheeling and cycling networks in our larger towns and cities over the next ten years and beyond. The Department will also continue to invest in pedestrian enhancement measures that make our streets more inclusive and accessible for everyone and will continue to work closely with councils to better understand your five-year Greenway and active travel priorities.

Road safety also remains a high priority for the Department, and we are committed to working proactively to make our roads safer and address the needs of all road users.

In January this year the Department launched the Speed Limit Review consultation, and officials are now working through the responses to consider potential changes to speed limit policy on all our roads.

The Local Transport & Safety Measures (LTSM) programme continues to be an important method of providing road safety schemes across the road network.

Requests for LTSM improvements, including the provision of footway schemes or upgrading works, will continue to be assessed with progression of priority improvements within the funding available.

The introduction of part-time 20mph zones at schools across the north is a significant intervention that has helped to ensure that children, parents and staff feel safer as they travel to and from school on a daily basis. In June 2025, it was confirmed that an additional 40 schools will benefit from this key safety measure bringing the total delivered since 2020/21 to 273 schools.

Regarding Major Projects in the council area, the Department is committed to the delivery of the A1 Junctions Phase 2 project which will provide significant safety benefits to those travelling to / from the area. Further details on this scheme and the proposed Armagh North and West Link and the A28 Armagh East Link projects are provided within the content of the report. The Department will also need time to fully consider the implications of the A5WTC judgment on the development and progression of all major road projects.

I hope that you find this report informative. I, along with a representative from our Section Offices, Dessie Blacker and Ciarán McKenna, look forward to meeting the Council.

Cindy Noble
Divisional Roads Manager (Acting)

Southern Division - Senior Management Structure



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Divisional Manager (Acting)

DfI Roads wishes to build upon the good working relationships it has with Council Members and Officers. The Divisional Senior Management Team is listed below. Day to day operational matters should be raised with the relevant Senior Engineers whose details are listed at the start of each section.



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Maintenance of existing road network.

Major Projects Southern Managers Major works schemes (>£5M).



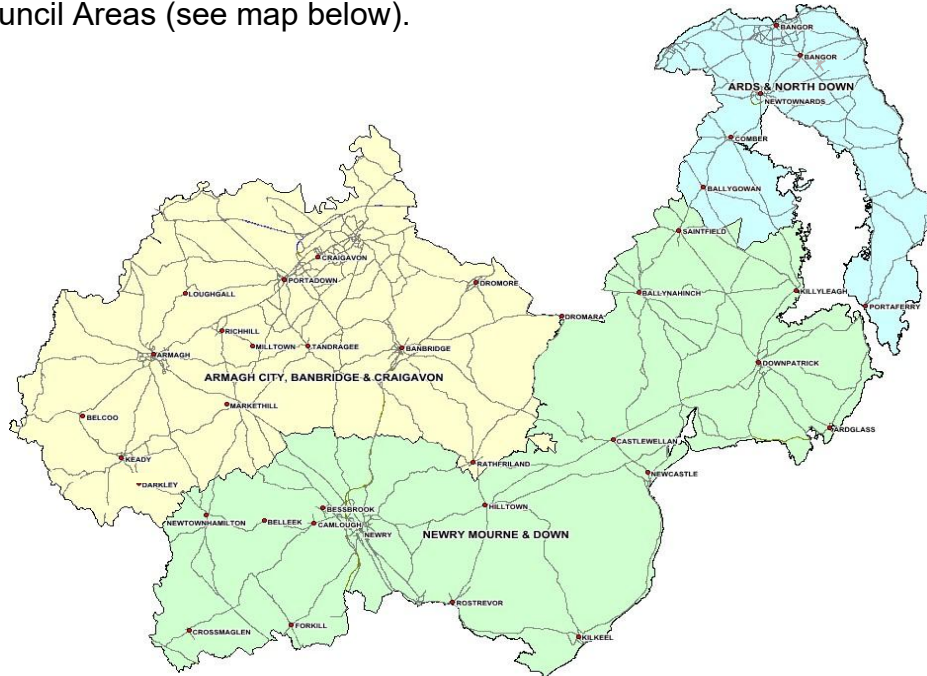
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About Southern Division

Southern Division is one of four Client Divisions within DfI Roads. It spans the local Council areas of Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon; Newry Mourne and Down; and Ards and North Down Council Areas (see map below).



In Southern Division we are responsible for approximately 8000 km of public road together with 1275 bridges, 121 signalised junctions, 189 standalone signalised pedestrian Controlled Crossings, approximately 83,000 streetlights and over 740 illuminated signs. We carry out functions under the headings:

- **Major Projects South** – Major capital projects (>£5M) on Key Transport Links.
- **Road Maintenance** – Maintenance of the existing network. Maintenance activities include resurfacing, surface dressing and drainage works as well as grass cutting, gully emptying, patching, embankment / verge maintenance, fencing and provision of the Winter Service.
- **Road Development** - Improvements to the existing network to improve safety and traffic progression including Minor Works and Local Transport and Safety Measures.
- **Road Planning** - Regulation of additions to the network proposed by developers.

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1.1 DEVELOPMENT CONTROL

Planning Consultations

In carrying out their planning functions Councils have a duty to consult a range of statutory bodies. DfI Roads on behalf of the Department for Infrastructure has entered into an agreement with each Council to provide views and advice on roads and transportation related issues.

DfI Roads in its consideration of planning applications, takes into account aspects of development which could prejudice traffic progression and safety in terms of junction capacity, access arrangements, parking standards and provision, road width, radii, gradients, drainage and sight lines. This consideration usually involves site visits and technical work. Compliance with transport policy and compatibility with road infrastructure is taken into account as well as any need for developer led improvements. Proposals are also checked for potential encroachment upon any future road lines. A detailed Transport Assessment may be required for larger developments where potential traffic impact may extend to road junctions some distance from the development site and where infrastructure improvements are deemed necessary as mitigation. For smaller developments a Transport Assessment Form is required to be completed by the applicant in order to ascertain the likely impact.

In the case of housing developments, the Private Streets (NI) Order 1980 is applied if a planning application includes streets which are to become public and maintainable by the Department. Development Control along with the associated Private Streets team determines the area to be adopted, arranges for the calculation of the bond amount, supervises construction of the streets and, following satisfactory completion by the developer completes the process for adoption into the public road network. Should the developer not complete the street, DfI Roads can take appropriate enforcement action under the Private Streets Order to ensure satisfactory completion of works funded by the bond.

Other Development Control work includes participating in pre-application discussions and planning meetings, preparation of evidence and presentation of this at Planning Appeals. Assistance is given with enforcement cases associated with breaches of planning control. Input is provided for the use of planning case officers at Council Planning Committee meetings with attendance by Development Control Officers as required.

Please see Table 1, which shows all consultations our Development Control dealt with, during the reporting period from 1 April 2025 to 31 March 2026 within the Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough Council Area.

TABLE 1: Planning Consultations

Consultation Details	Southern Division	Armagh City, Banbridge & Craigavon Borough Council area
Number of consultations	3608	1395
Number of Pre-Planning Enquiries	61	26

Of the above consultations, **51** were for approval of housing developments involving the Private Streets (NI) Order 1980. These will create approximately 4.2 km of new road and 1.7 km of new footway.

Examples of major applications being dealt with are included in Table 2.

TABLE 2: Planning Consultations - Major Applications

Application	Location, Town / Townland
LA08/2025/0587/F - Access Road	Bracknagh Road, Armagh
LA08/2026/0160 & LA08/25/1315/F - Residential housing	Deanery Demesne, Armagh
LA08/2026/0139/F - Residential housing	Silverwood, Lurgan
LA08/2026/0133/F - Residential housing	Drumnagoon, Craigavon
LA08/2025/0718 & LA08/2025/0644/F - Residential housing	Woodville, Lurgan
LA08/2025/0212/F - Residential housing	Ballynery North Road, Derrymacash

Roads (NI) Order 1993, Article 80

Article 80 applies to new vehicular accesses or agricultural accesses on to unclassified roads. It covers proposals such as new or altered driveway entrances where planning permission is not required. During the reporting period DfI Roads dealt with **30** Article 80 applications.

Development Control also provides evidence in respect of associated Article 84 appeals which are determined by the Planning Appeals Commission.

Development Control also gives advice on various ad-hoc matters such as placing of planters and signage.

1.2 PRIVATE STREETS – ADOPTIONS

Completed Works 2025-2026

TABLE 3: Private Streets – Adoption numbers

Adoption Details	Southern Division	Armagh City, Banbridge & Craigavon Borough Council area
Number of adoptions	53	25

TABLE 4: Adoption locations

Adoption locations	Date of Adoption
Woodford Villas, Armagh	27/06/2025
Railway Street, Poyntzpass	03/07/2025
Annvale Manor, Keady	12/02/2026
Cavanacaw Grange, Armagh	05/03/2026
Cavanacaw Manor, Armagh	20/01/2026
Hillcroft, Banbridge	10/04/2025
Coolnacran Park, Loughbrickland	06/05/2026
Edenbrook, Banbridge	04/06/2025
Skeagh Manor, Kinallen	04/11/2025
Mulberry Crescent, Banbridge	12/11/2025
Plantation Road, Bleary	07/04/2025
Inn Road, Dollingstown	15/04/2025
Calvert Gate, Bleary	28/04/2025
Beechcroft / Regency Park, Lurgan	22/05/2025
Laurelvale Grove, Donaghcloney	09/06/2025
Parknasilla Way, Aghagallon	13/06/2025
Birchwood Manor, The Birches	26/06/2025
Bloomvale Meadow, Bleary	11/07/2025
Ferryview Close, Bannfoot	16/07/2025
Old Brewery Lodge, Richhill	21/07/2025

Adoption locations	Date of Adoption
Weavers Court, Lurgan	21/07/2025
Drumellan Park, Craigavon	21/07/2025
Linen Green, Waringstown	25/09/2025
Monree Hill, Donaghcloney	09/11/2025
The Hollows, Lurgan	15/10/2025

During the reporting period Private Streets Section has been successful in adopting a total of 25 private developments comprising 2683 metres of carriageway, 420 metres of footway and 558 metres of parking, into the publicly maintained road network.

1.3 PRIVATE STREETS – ENFORCEMENTS

Private Streets Section continues to invoke enforcement proceedings against developers who fail in their responsibility to provide road bonds before commencement of work on site. This takes the form of a series of warning letters followed, if necessary, by enforcement action.

Private Streets Section continues to work with developers on backlog housing sites with the objective of having work completed to an adoptable standard. Where it becomes evident that a developer is either no longer trading or is incapable or unwilling to complete the work, DfI Roads will consider initiating enforcement action. This may result in the need for DfI Roads to complete the works and recover the costs from the road bond under Articles 13 and 15 of the Private Streets Order 1980.

DfI Roads is currently carrying out works on the following development site through enforcement action:

- Commercial Road, Banbridge
- Ballybay View, Portadown

Planned Works 2026 – 2027

TABLE 5: Private Streets – Enforcements

Enforcement location
Mossview, Waringstown
Kinallen Mews, Kinallen
Salters Grange Manor, Armagh

Property Certificates

Private Streets Section coordinates the DfI Roads response to Property Certificate Enquiries. A total of **9433** Property Certificate Enquiries were processed during the reporting period in Southern Division.

The Planning Portal which was launched in December 2022 can be used to submit, view and comment on planning applications online by the link
<https://www.nidirect.gov.uk/services/planning-portal>.

1.4 LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLANS

Advice

The Department can provide advice to the Council area on transportation matters for Local Transport Plans and Community Plans as well as work on strategic development planning applications.

The table below shows all consultations dealt with, during the reporting period from 1 April 2025 to 31 March 2026 within the Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough Council Area.

TABLE 6: Local Development Plans

Consultation Details	Southern Division	Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough Council area
Number of formal consultations	4	0
Number of informal consultations	2	1

1.5 STREET LIGHTING

The total number of lights in Southern Division is approximately 84,000 of which approximately 34,420 (40%) are within the Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough Council area.

Completed Works 2025 – 2026

TABLE 7: Street Lighting – completed

Location	Scheme Description
Enniskillen, Craigavon	Replacement
Westacres, Craigavon	Replacement
Drumglass, Craigavon	Replacement
Garrymore, Craigavon	Replacement
Drumgor Park, Craigavon	Replacement
Derryhale Road, Portadown	Replacement
Highfield Gardens, Banbridge	Replacement
Inglewood, Lurgan	Replacement

Street Lighting Maintenance

Since April 2015, DfI Roads only repairs those defective streetlights reported by the public or their representatives. In order to facilitate this process, reports of defective lights can now be made directly online via the NI Direct website at the web address:

<https://www.nidirect.gov.uk/services/report-street-light-fault>

Reports made via this web page automatically generate a works order to the appropriate contractor to have the defect repaired.

Reports can also be made by telephone at 0300 200 7899.

Priority is given to emergency defects i.e. those defects posing a direct structural or electrical hazard, then to groups of lights out, groups of lights burning continuously and finally to individual lights out.

Repair of faults to streetlights

Our response times are:-

Emergency, responded to a Road Traffic Collision within an hour and a half to site (1.5hrs) where a streetlighting column has been damaged. This is only to make safe and

protect the public from danger to exposure of live cables or the column falling down.

Urgent, respond within twenty-four hours (24hrs). This is to reinstate a knockdown of a column possibly at a critical junction.

Normal lamp maintenance within five days (5 days). It is not always possible to fulfil the 5-day response. This can be down to a combination of factors. The amount of outages on the system, cable faults on the cable network or staff shortages. We also try to ensure that at least 95% of streetlights are recorded as working on the LMS at any time, subject to budget being available.

Planned Works 2026 – 2027

TABLE 8: Street Lighting – planned

Location	Scheme Description
Clonmeen, Craigavon (Phase 1)	Replacement
Robinsonstown, Portadown	Replacement
Markville, Portadown	Replacement

SECTION 2 - NETWORK DEVELOPMENT

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LOCAL TRANSPORT AND SAFETY MEASURES

The Regional Transportation Strategy (RTS) identified the importance of Local Transport and Safety Measures (LTSM) and highlighted some of the principal initiatives to be addressed, including:

- local improvements in towns across the North to assist pedestrians and cyclists;
- local highway infrastructure measures to improve safety, such as collision remedial schemes and traffic calming schemes; and
- Network Development schemes (minor works).

LTSM expenditure tends to be widely spread and most communities benefit, as an individual scheme is relatively low cost in comparison to the cost of projects on the Strategic Works programme. They are usually very visible measures and provide good value for money in terms of a safer road transport system, which benefits society, the economy, the environment; and actively contributes to everyone's quality of life.

Types of LTSM projects include:

- Minor Works and Micro Schemes
- Traffic Management
- Pedestrian Measures
- Traffic Calming
- Collision Remedial
- Safer Routes to School
- Bus Priority Measures
- Cycling Measures
- Road and Lane Closures
- Legislation

2.1 COMPLETED WORKS 2025 – 2026

TABLE 9: Pedestrian Measures completed

Road Number	Road Name, Location	Scheme Description	Status
A0004	Dungannon Road, Portadown (near Ballyoran Hill)	New Puffin Crossing.	Completed
A0004	Dungannon Road, Portadown	2 Pedestrian Islands.	Completed
A0004	Charles Street, Portadown	Footway extension.	Completed
A0050	Mill Street, Gilford	Puffin Upgrade.	Completed
A0050	Carrickblacker Road Roundabout, Portadown	Dropped kerbs.	Completed
B0002	Francis Street, Lurgan	Puffin Upgrade.	Completed
B0012	North Street, Lurgan (at St. Peters Chapel)	Puffin Upgrade.	Completed
U1350	Ballyoran Park, Portadown	Dropped Kerbs / Tactile Paviours installation work at various locations along this stretch of road.	Completed
U1352	Garvaghy Park, Portadown	Dropped Kerbs / Tactile Paviours installation work at various locations along this stretch of road.	Completed
U1353	Corcrair Drive, Portadown	6 sets of Dropped Kerbs / Tactile Paviours installation works.	Completed
U1403	Manor Drive, Lurgan	6 sets of Dropped Kerbs / Tactile Paviours installation works.	Completed
U1413	Mourne Road, Lurgan	10 sets of Dropped Kerbs / Tactile Paviours installation works.	Completed

Provision of a new crossing and resurfacing on Dungannon Road, Portadown

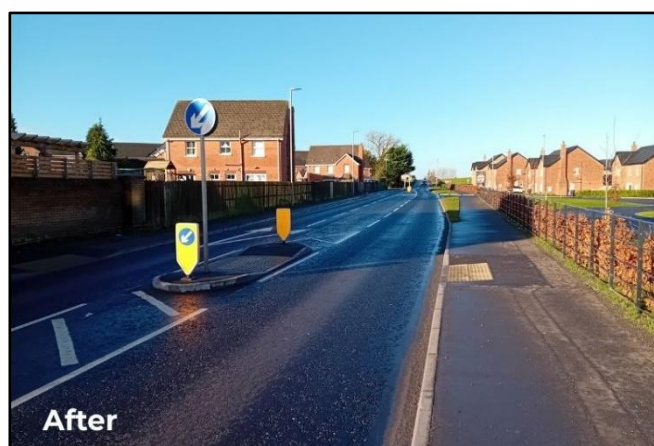


TABLE 10: Cycling Measures completed

Road Number	Road Name, Location	Scheme Description	Status
F1384	Barberry Walk (FP11)/Maple Path (FP1) Drumgor Centre to Drumgor Road, Craigavon	Widening of Existing Segregated Cycle / footpath.	Completed
F1386	Oakpath (FP1) Lake Road to Legahory Court, Craigavon	Widening of Existing Segregated Cycle / footpaths.	Completed

TABLE 11: Safer Routes to School completed

Road Number	Road Name, Location	Scheme Description	Status
A0003	Kings Park Primary School, Avenue Road, Lurgan	Upgrade of Safer Routes to School signs.	Completed
C0204	Foley Primary School, Ballymacnab Road, Tassagh	Part time 20mph speed limit.	Completed
U8281	St. Mary's Primary School, Granemore Road, Keady	Part time 20mph speed limit.	Completed

TABLE 12: Road Signs, Markings, and Bollards completed

Road Number	Road Name, Location	Scheme Description	Status
A0025	Newry Street, Rathfriland	Enhanced school signage and associated road markings.	Completed
B0028	Scotch Street, Portadown	New 40mph speed limit signs.	Completed
C0307	Kinallen Road, Dromara	Bend Ahead warning signs and Slow Road markings.	Completed
C0328	Drumneath Crossroads, Banbridge	New directional signs.	Completed
C0350	Lisnagade Crossroads, Scarva	Enhance existing signage and provide advanced warning signs and associated road markings.	Completed
U1361	Drumnagoon Road, Portadown	New 40mph speed limit signs.	Completed
U4045	Boals Lane, Dromore	Unsuitable for HGV signage.	Completed
U4061	Mackey's Lane, Dromore	Unsuitable for HGV signage.	Completed

TABLE 13: Waiting Restrictions completed

Road Number	Road Name, Location	Scheme Description	Status
B0078	Main Street, Markethill	Loading Bay.	Completed

TABLE 14: Traffic Orders (Road & Lane Closures) completed

Road Number	Road Name, Location	Scheme Description	Status
Various	Various	Estimated 3000+ TTRO applications.	Completed

2.2 PLANNED WORKS 2026 – 2027

Note the delivery of the schemes listed below will be dependent on availability of Contractor resources.

TABLE 15: Carriageways / Minor Works planned

Road Number	Road Name, Location	Scheme Description	Status
A0027 / U1357	Church Street / Hanover Street, Portadown	Signalised junction Upgrade.	Planned

TABLE 16: Pedestrian Measures planned

Road Number	Road Name, Location	Scheme Description	Status
A0003	Belfast Road, Dollingstown	Puffin Upgrade.	Planned
B0010	Scarva Road, Banbridge at St Patrick's College	New Puffin Crossing.	Planned
B0028	Garvaghy Road, Portadown	2 x Puffin Upgrades.	Planned
U1402	Sloan Street, Lurgan at Carrick Primary School	New Puffin Crossing.	Planned
U1403	Drumlin Drive, Lurgan	7 sets of Dropped Kerbs / Tactile Pavements installation works.	Planned

TABLE 17: Cycling Measures planned

Road Number	Road Name, Location	Scheme Description	Status
F1386/ F1388	Barberry Walk (FP21) Drumgor Road to Aldervale, Craigavon	Widening of Existing Segregated Cycle / footpath.	On-Site
F1384	Cherry Path (FP11) / Barberry Walk (FP11) – Rear of Drumgor Centre	Construction of New Segregated Cycle / footpath.	Planned

Collision Remedial

The Department annually receives data from the PSNI relating to collisions on the network where injuries have been sustained. This information is assessed to identify clusters where incidents have occurred. These clusters are identified for further examination to determine the nature of the collisions, contributory factors and possible patterns. When engineering methods can be applied to address or improve the situation design proposals are then drawn up and implemented on a priority basis.

While we regret and are concerned about all road traffic collisions and give a high priority to collision reduction and prevention measures, councillors can hopefully appreciate that traffic collisions can be caused by a wide range of contributory factors, not all of which can be influenced or controlled by the provision of engineering measures.

The following schemes are planned for delivery in the Council area in the current financial year.

TABLE 18: Collision Remedial planned

Road Number	Road Name, Location	Scheme Description	Status
A0028	Killylea Road at Ballycrummy Road, Armagh	Signs and Road Markings.	Planned
A0003	Portadown Road at Stonebridge Roundabout, Richhill	High Friction Surfacing.	Planned
A0027 / A0003	Craigavon Roundabouts	High Friction Surfacing and Road Markings.	Planned
C0358	Hall Road, Waringstown	Signs and Road Markings.	Planned

TABLE 19: Safer Routes to schools planned

Road Number	Road Name, Location	Scheme Description	Status
C0193	Drumhillery Primary School, Drumhillery Road, Middletown	Part time 20mph speed limit.	Planned
C0202	Lisnadill Primary School, Drumconwell Road, Armagh	Upgrade of Safer Routes to School signs.	Planned

TABLE 20: Road Signs, Markings, and Bollards planned

Road Number	Road Name, Location	Scheme Description	Status
A0003	Monaghan Road, Armagh	Upgrade existing 30mph signs.	Completed
A0027	Scarva Road, Tandragee	Improve signage at factory crossing.	Planned
B0010	Banbridge Road, Rathfriland	Hidden Dip signs, Slow Road markings and marker posts.	Planned
B0031	Newtownhamilton Road, Armagh	Pedestrian signs.	Completed
B0128	Blackwatertown Road, Armagh	Playground signs and extend 30mph signs.	Planned
C0198	Annvale Road, Keady	Pedestrian signs.	Completed
C0347	Tanvally Road, Banbridge	Bend Ahead Warning signs and slow road markings.	Planned

Road Number	Road Name, Location	Scheme Description	Status
C3909	Black Bog Road, Dromara	Directional signage, Give Way signage, marker posts and road markings.	Planned
Various Routes	Armagh City	Armagh tourist Signs.	Planned

TABLE 21: Speed Limits planned

Road Number	Road Name, Location	Scheme Description	Status
A0003 / U1124 / U1207	Avenue Road / Belfast Road / Cottage Road / Inn Road, Lurgan	Proposed reduction of existing 40mph speed limit to 30mph.	Planned
B0002	Silverwood Road, Lurgan	Proposed reduction of existing 50mph speed limit to 40mph.	Planned
B0131	Derrycoose Road / Teagy Road, Annaghmore	Proposed 40 mph speed limit for approx. 700 metres spanning Annaghmore Road / Clonmacash Road staggered junction.	Planned

TABLE 22: Waiting Restrictions planned

Road Number	Road Name, Location	Scheme Description	Status
A0027	Market Street, Tandragee	Additional EV Bay to be marked out.	Planned
B0078	Main Street, Markethill	Loading bay.	Planned
U1420	Loughview Park & Ride, Lurgan	Additional EV Bay to be marked out.	Planned

TABLE 23: Accessible Parking Bays planned

Road Number	Road Name, Location	Scheme Description	Status
A0027	Chapel Street, Poyntzpass	Accessible Parking Bay.	Planned
B0010	10 Park View, Banbridge	Accessible Parking Bay.	Planned
U1404	44 Waring Street, Lurgan	Accessible Parking Bay.	Planned
U4450	Hawthorn Walk, Dromore	Accessible Parking Bay.	Planned
U4450	Gallows Street, Dromore	Accessible Parking Bay.	Planned
U4450	15 Hawthorn Walk, Dromore	Accessible Parking Bay.	Planned
U4453	4 Brewery Lane, Dromore	Accessible Parking Bay.	Planned

Road Number	Road Name, Location	Scheme Description	Status
U4462	Moorefield, Banbridge	Accessible Parking Bay.	Planned

Accessible Parking Bays – General

Individual Accessible Parking Bay applications will be assessed before the completion of the necessary legislative process. Successful applications are required to be notified in local newspapers offering the opportunity for the public to submit their views.

Any objections must be fully considered before the application can progress to the Legislative Stage. Due to the processes involved, approved applications are required to be grouped and processed in batches on two or maybe three occasions during the year.

Deillumination of signs

The Department is continuing to develop a programme of replacing internally illuminated bollards with retroreflective boards, as resources permit, thus helping to reduce energy costs.

Legislation

All proposals to introduce or amend legislation are subject to successful completion of the necessary processes. This includes Accessible Parking Bays, Speed Limits, Traffic Regulation Orders (such as one-way), Parking and waiting restrictions (such as yellow lines) etc. A notice of intention of proposals is published in local papers which offers the opportunity for the general public to submit their views on the proposals. Objections, when received, must be fully considered and addressed before any scheme can be taken forward for implementation.

SECTION 3 - NETWORK MAINTENANCE

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EXPLANATION OF MAINTENANCE OPERATIONS

Resurfacing and Strengthening

Roads generally fail by cracking and rutting. They usually do not fail suddenly, but gradually deteriorate due to the impact of traffic, age and weathering. Wear normally appears as either excessive permanent deformation of the whole or part of the carriageway structure or is associated with the cracking of the bituminous layers.

Roads are normally designed for an operational life of 20 years. During this period and beyond, there is a need for the highway authority to intervene at times to either treat or replace the top layer of bituminous material known as the "surface course" or to provide additional depth to preserve the underlying structure of the road and extend its life.

Resurfacing is the application of a layer of this mixed material of 40mm minimum thickness.

Surface course Bitumen Macadam (Bitmac) has an expected life of 7-12 years which can be extended by subsequent surface dressing. Bitmac is a more flexible material than Asphalt and more suitable for the deformation and movement associated with weaker underlying ground conditions.

Asphalt resurfacing is more appropriate to heavily trafficked roads and junctions having a robust roadbase. It is more expensive and has a longer expected life of 15-20 years.

Resurfacing of existing roads can usually be carried out on top of the existing surface (overlay) but where drainage or kerb levels or bridge heights are restricted the surface may need to be removed before resurfacing takes place.

Surface Dressing

This process involves spraying a bitumen emulsion binder onto the existing road surface, followed by a layer of stone chippings, which is then rolled. This seals the road preventing ingress of water thus extending the life expectancy of the road and also helps to improve the skid resistance of the surface.

Drainage Works

The quick and effective drainage of surface water from the carriageway contributes significantly to road safety and helps to prevent damage to the road itself. Improvement works carried out include the upgrading of the existing drainage facilities to ensure effective dispersal of surface water and prevent as far as possible the occurrence of standing water or flooding of the road. In many cases the provision of new drainage facilities have to be undertaken including the installation of road gullies, pipes and manholes leading to a suitable discharge point.

Grass Cutting

Grass cutting is carried out for road safety reasons rather than for amenity purposes. The Department's grass cutting policy has evolved to focus on protecting wildlife and promoting biodiversity when managing roadside verges. A single swathe will be cut along the verges on the strategic road network twice per year. Other areas that are needed for road safety purpose, such as sightlines at junctions, will also be cut at least twice each year with additional cuts as and when needed. A similar approach will be introduced on heavier trafficked rural roads and on lighter trafficked rural roads, one cut will be carried out in the growing season where it is safe to do so.

Gully Emptying

In 2026/27, as in the previous year, the Department currently aims to maintain the level of service and inspect and clean, where necessary, all gullies once annually.

Roads Recovery Fund

In 2026/27, approximately £12.5m has been allocated to a Roads Recovery Fund from the structural maintenance budget specifically designed to address the roads which have been worst affected by recent under investment. £10m of this investment is being targeted towards rural roads. We will use this fund to carry out short lengths of resurfacing rather than repairing a large number of individual potholes in problem areas. Section Engineers, and their staff, across the Division are identifying the worst locations for inclusion on our works programmes. This work will reduce the number of potholes across the network and help prevent additional defects from forming.

Defects

Section Office staff regularly inspect the local network for actionable defects in accordance with the Road Maintenance Guidelines. These guidelines classify the local roads according to traffic volume and establish corresponding deadlines for the repair of any defects identified. Also, in an effort to maximise our effectiveness in delivering key road maintenance functions, we ask that members of the public and elected representatives who have access to the internet to please report road defects via the DfI online reporting facility provided by NI Direct; <https://www.nidirect.gov.uk/information-and-services/travel-transport-and-roads/problems-roads-and-streets>. Alternatively, faults that are considered to be an emergency can be reported by telephone as shown on Page 53.

Street Works

TABLE 24: Street Works by Utility companies

Number of Notifications in Southern Division	Number of Notifications in Armagh City, Banbridge & Craigavon Borough Council	Number of Inspections Carried Out	Percentage of those inspected that were unsatisfactory %
14,725	6,315	2630	42.5

3.1 STRUCTURAL MAINTENANCE COMPLETED WORKS 2025 – 2026

Completed Surfacing

TABLE 25: Resurfacing – Trunk Road Network completed

Total length completed
1.73 km

TABLE 26: Resurfacing – Trunk Road Network locations

Road Number	Road Name, Location
A0029	Moy Road, Armagh (at Drumcairn Road junction)
A0029	Moy Road, Armagh (at Grange Blundell Road junction)

TABLE 27: Resurfacing – Remaining Road Network completed

Total length completed
20.31 km

TABLE 28: Resurfacing – Remaining Road Network locations

Road Number	Road Name, Location
A0004	Charles Street & Dungannon Road, Portadown
A0029	Keady Road, Armagh (at Girvans Bridge and section to Drumconwell Road)
B0002	Derrymacash Road, Derrymacash
U1408	Woodville Avenue / Blair Drive, Lurgan
U1408	Blair Drive, Lurgan
U4197	Dechomet Road, Katesbridge
U4198	Ringsend Road, Croskelt

TABLE 29: Surface Dressing completed

Total length completed
204 km

TABLE 30: Surface Dressing locations

Road Number	Road Name, Location
B0002	Mullahead Road, Tandragee
B0003	Tassagh Road, Keady
B0007	Iveagh Bungalows / Drumlough Road, Rathfriland
B0010	Scarva Road, Banbridge
B0077	Loughgall Road, Armagh
B0078	Cladymilltown Road, Newtownhamilton
B0078	Markethill Road, Milltown
B0128	Blackwatertown Road (Old), Blackwatertown
B0128	Blackwatertown Road (New), Blackwatertown
B0131	Grange Road, Portadown
B0131	Kilmore Road, Richhill
B0134	Mowhan Road, Mowhan
B0156	Whitehall Road, Aghagallon
B0156	Cranagh Road, Aghagallon
B0156	Derrymore Road, Aghagallon
B0196	Derrylee Road, Portadown
C0010	Brankinstown Road, Aghalee (2 sections)
C0155	Bleary Road, Bleary
C0162	Mullantine Road, Portadown
C0166	Ballymagerny Road, Loughgall
C0181	Clonmore Road, Tullyroan
C0181	Clonmore Road, Charlemont
C0182	Derryscollop Road, Charlemont

Road Number	Road Name, Location
C0183	Grange Blundell Road, Armagh
C0198	Bachelors Walk, Keady
C0205	Tullyallen Road, Markethill
C0205	Tullyallen Road, Mowhan
C0340	Glaskerbeg Road, Milltown
C0349	Mullafernaghan Road, Dromore
C0349	Skeltons Road, Banbridge
C0352	Blue Road, Banbridge
C0352	Drumnascamph Road, Lawrencetown
C0354	Blackscull Road, Blackskull
C0364	Ballynabragget Road, Waringstown
C0374	Flough Road, Corbet
U1011	Brankins Island Lane, Lower Ballinderry
U1024	Montiaghs Road, Aghagallon
U1024	Featherbed Road, Aghalee
U1025	Derryash Road, Aghalee
U1026	Derryash Road, Aghalee
U1028	Gravel Lane, Aghagallon
U1069	Church Road, Derryadd
U1078	Esky Road, Derrytrasna
U1080	Carrick Road, Portadown
U1081	Carrick Road, Portadown
U1099	Derrinraw Road, Portadown
U1101	Greenisland Road, Portadown
U1182	Off Derryanvil Road, Portadown
U1193	Derrylettif Road, Portadown
U1196	Off Drumanphy Road, Loughgall
U1197	Farra Road, Portadown

Road Number	Road Name, Location
U1204	Lismaine Road, Magheralin
U1285	Off Ballynagarrick Road, Portadown
U1288	Drumnasoo Road, Portadown
U1302	Kiddswell Road, Lawrencetown
U1311	Pat's Turn, Donaghcloney
U1316	Knocknagore Road, Lawrencetown
U1317	Glass Moss Road, Gilford
U1318	Hunters Hill Road, Gilford
U1408	Annesborough Road, Lurgan
U4016	Moorfield Road, Dromore
U4026	Villa Wood Road, Dromore
U4034	Drumiller Road, Dromore
U4053	Ballysallagh Road, Dromore
U4101	Ballymacanallen Road, Lawrencetown
U4102	Parkstown Lane, Gilford
U4113	Kilmacrew Road, Corbet
U4135	Tullylish Road, Tullylish
U4136	Drumhorc Road, Gilford
U4139	Kernan Lough Road, Gilford
U4141	Kernan Road, Gilford
U4141	Trough Lane, Gilford
U4150	Lisnafiffy Road, Banbridge
U4152	Drumnagally Road, Banbridge
U4195	Gransha Road, Finnis
U4196	Gransha Road South, Finnis
U4242	Bellshill Road, Annaclone
U4289	Kilty Road, Milltown
U4334	Seafin Road, Ballyrone

Road Number	Road Name, Location
U4346	Iveagh Road, Milltown
U4406	Redbridge Road, Rathfriland
U7342	Drumrusk Road, Benburb
U7353	Donnelly's Hill Road, Benburb
U7396	Derryscollop Road, Charlemount
U7451	Annahagh Road, Blackwatertown
U7452	Kinbawn Road, Blackwatertown
U7453	Off Annahagh Road, Blackwatertown
U7455	Campbells Lane, Blackwatertown
U7551	Annaghmore Road, Ardress
U7572	Eglisk Road, Teagy
U7573	Black Rampart Road, Teagy
U7602	Ballybreagh Road, Richhill
U7821	Tullyhue Lane, Tandragee
U8049	Porthill Road, Markethill
U8066	Maytone Road, Markethill
U8072	Off Cladymilltown Road, Markethill
U8082	Lisnagat Road, Markethill
U8093	Off Mowhan Road, Markethill (by Ballylane RP Church)
U8235	Latmacollum Road, Armagh
U8236	Ballymorán Road, Armagh
U8243	Off Kilycapple Road, Armagh
U8411	Off Lower Darkley Road, Keady
U8412	Lower Darkley Road, Keady
U8682	Dernalea Road, Belcoo

TABLE 31: Roads Recovery completed

Total length completed
21 Km

TABLE 32: Roads Recovery locations

Road Number	Road Name, Location
A0051	Hamiltonsbawn Road, Armagh
B0010	Station Road, Scarva
B0111	Annareagh Road, Richhill
C0152	Kilmore Road, Lurgan
C0169	Mullavilly Road, Laurelvale
C0174	Ballysheil Road, Clare
C0191	Cortynan Road, Tynan
C0199	Clay Road, Keady
C0208	Derryraine Road, Armagh
C0208	Drumbeemore Road, Armagh
U1043	Rectory Avenue, Derryadd
U1044	Raughlan Lane, Derrymacash
U1062	Off Derryall Road, Portadown
U1203	Orange Lane, Magheralin
U1350	Garvaghy Gardens, Portadown
U1350	Churchill Park, Portadown
U1404	Alexandra Crescent, Lurgan
U1410	Castle Lane, Lurgan
U4073	Halfway Road, Banbridge
U4080	Boggle Hill Road, Lawrencetown
U4450	Jubilee Park, Dromore
U4470	Brookfield, Banbridge
U4471	Dunbar Road, Banbridge
U7015	Cregagh Gardens, Armagh

Road Number	Road Name, Location
U7015	Rock Road, Armagh
U7472	Derrymagowan Road, Charlemont
U7473	Derrymagowan Road, Charlemont
U7474	Derrymagowan Road, Charlemont
U7475	Derrymagowan Road, Charlemont
U7495	Lurgancott Lane, Loughgall
U7496	Off Red Lion Road, Loughgall
U7653	Ballyloughran Road, Richill
U7654	Marladoo Road, Hamiltonsbawn
U7734	Mullavilly Lane, Laurelvale
U7782	Acton Road, Poyntzpass
U7874	Off Lisraw Road, Poyntzpass
U7877	Off Ballyreagh Road, Poyntzpass
U7883	Canal Bank Road, Poyntzpass
U8011	Killeen Road, Armagh
U8015	Killeen Road, Armagh
U8223	Off Drumgaw Road, Armagh
U8236	Ballymorán Road, Armagh
U8342	Magheraville Road, Armagh
U8413	Annvale Road, Keady
U8444	Cargaclougher Road, Keady
U8652	Baltarran Road, Armagh
U8653	Ballyhoy Road, Armagh

Completed Footway Resurfacing

TABLE 33: Footway Resurfacing completed

Total length completed
6.58 km

TABLE 34: Footway Resurfacing locations

Road Number	Road Name, Location
B0078	Main Street, Loughgall
C0153	Lake Street, Lurgan
U1353	Union Street, Portadown
U1356	Duke Street, Portadown
U1369	Granville Road, Portadown
U1392	Altmore, Craigavon
U4450	Thornhill, Dromore
U4500	Hill Street, Gilford
U7660	The Square, Richhill
U8023	Bunker Hill and Ashlea Bend, Markethill

Completed Drainage Maintenance Works

TABLE 35: Drainage completed locations

Road Number	Road Name
A0028	Gosford Road, Markethill
A0051	Marlacoo Road, Hamiltonsbawn
B0114	Tannyoky Road, Markethill
B0131	Aghory Road, Richhill
C0174	Ballyshiel Road, Clare
C0196	Farnaloy Road, Madden
C0201	Dundrum Road, Granemore
U1027	Moytown Road, Aghagallon
U1080	Carrick Road, Portadown
U1121	Ballymagin Road, Magheralin
U1197	Farra Road, Portadown
U1361	Kernan Park, Portadown
U1408	Annesborough Road, Lurgan
U7014	Woodford Drive, Armagh
U7316	Bracknagh Road, Killylea
U7535	Bloom Hill Road, Loughgall
U7660	Castle Parade, Richhill
U7771	Corlust Road, Clare
U8284	Ballybrolly Road, Granemore
U8291	Corkley Road, Keady

3.2 STRUCTURAL MAINTENANCE PROPOSED WORKS 2026 – 2027

Proposed Surfacing

TABLE 36: Resurfacing – Trunk Road Network planned

Total length planned
0.5 Km

TABLE 37: Resurfacing – Trunk Road Network locations

Road Number	Road Name
A0027	Newry Road, Tandragee (Jacksons Corner)

TABLE 38: Resurfacing – Remaining Road Network planned

Total length planned
15.05 Km

TABLE 39: Resurfacing – Remaining Road Network locations

Road Number	Road Name, Location
C0188	Ballycrummy Road, Armagh
B0078	Coolmillish Road, Markethill
C0204	Clady Road, Clady
B0078	Markethill Road, Aghorey
U1124	Cottage Road, Lurgan
C0351	Ballygowan Road, Banbridge
U4465	Ardery's Lane, Banbridge
U1369	Princess Way, Portadown

TABLE 40: Surface Dressing planned

Total length planned
161.8 Km

TABLE 41: Surface Dressing locations

Road Number	Road Name, Location
A0051	Hamiltonsbawn Road, Armagh
B0002	Clare Road, Clare
B0003	Tassagh Road, Keady
B0003	Tandragee Road, Markethill
B0028	Summerisland Road, Loughgall
B0028	Ardress Road, Loughgall
B0028	Moy Road, Loughgall
B0078	Mullurg Road, Mullabrack
B0114	Tannyoky Road, Markethill
B0131	Drumnamether Road, Milltown
C0174	Ballyshiel Road, Clare
C0174	Crewmore Road, Clare
C0203	Clark's Road, Darkley
C0208	Derryraine Road, Markethill
C0342	Brookvale Road, Rathfriland
C0354	Blackskull Road, Donaghcloney
U4012	Grove Road, Dromore
U4156	Garvaghy Road, Waringsford
U4161	Fedney Road, Finnis x 2
U4162	Corbally Road, Banbridge
U4162	Corbally Old Road, Banbridge
U4183	Mayns Lane, Annaclone
U4282	Tower Road, Loughbrickland
U4307	Brickland Road, Loughbrickland

Road Number	Road Name, Location
U4308	Bog Road, Loughbrickland
U4337	Church Hill Road, Ballyroney
U4338	Island Bog Road, Rathfriland
U4349	New Line, Milltown
U4377	Close Road, Banbridge
U4378	Drumlee Road, Kilcoo
U4383	Crabtree Road, Banbridge
U4383	School Road, Banbridge
U4384	Drumarkin Road, Rathfriland
U4388	Cabra Road, Banbridge
U4393	Iveagh Park Road, Banbridge (at Football club)
U4398	Emdale Road, Milltown
U4399	Imdel Cross, Milltown
U4401	Grallagh Road, Milltown
U4402	Lissize Road, Rathfriland
U4403	Back Road, Rathfriland
U7307	U7307 (off Killylea Road), Armagh
U7472	Derrymagowan Road, Charlemont
U7485	Ballintaggart Road, Kilmore
U7602	Ballybreagh Road, Richhill
U7622	U7622 (off Tirnascope Road), Richhill
U7626	Rockmacreany Lane, Richhill
U7627	Captain Smith lane, Richhill
U7628	U7628 (off Maynooth Road), Richhill
U7771	Corlust Road, Clare
U7782	Acton Road, Acton
U7791	Monclone Road, Scarva
U7874	U7841 (off Tannyoky Road), Pontzpass
U7875	U7875 (off Ballyreagh Road), Poyntzpass

Road Number	Road Name, Location
U7883	Canal Bank Road, Poyntzpass
U8015	Killeen Road, Armagh
U8055	Crunagh Road, Markethill
U8222	U8222 (off Drumgaw Road), Armagh
U8223	U8223 (off Drumgaw Road), Armagh
U8275	Buttercup Lane (off Newtownhamilton Road), Ballymacnab
U8411	Lower Darkley Road, Darkley
U8411	Baltarran Road, Armagh
U8412	Chapel Hill Road, Tynan
U8413	Annvale Road, Darkley
U8516	Carrickaduff Road, Carnagh
U8615	Crossdall Road, Middletown
U8618	Tievenamara Road, Carnagh
U8620	Tievenamara Road, Carnagh
U8652	Off Monaghan Road, Middletown

TABLE 42: Roads Recovery planned

Total length planned
7 Km

TABLE 43: Roads Recovery locations

Road Number	Road Name, Location
A0029	Darkley Road, Keady
B0031	Newtownhamilton Road, Ballymacnab
B0111	Annareagh Road, Richhill
B0111	The New Line, Richhill
B0111	Corcreevy Road, Richhill
B0131	Aghory Road, Richhill
B0131	Mullalelish Road, Richhill
B0131	Legacorry Road, Richhill
C0172	Cargans Road, Scarva
U7412	Annacramp Road, Loughgall
U7509	Glebe Lane, Loughgall
U7796	Terryhoogan Road, Scarva
U8374	Off Farnaloy Road, Madden

Proposed Footway Resurfacing

TABLE 44: Footway Resurfacing planned

Total length proposed
2 Km

TABLE 45: Footway Resurfacing locations

Road Number	Road Name, Location
U7010	Charlemont Gardens, Armagh
U7733	Rose Park, Laurlevale
U8050	Cusher Green, Mounthorris
U8110	Mossfield, Glenanne

Proposed Drainage Works

TABLE 46: Drainage planned locations

Road Number	Road Name
B0078	Cladymilltown Road, Clady
C0200	Upper Darkley Road, Darkley
U7006	Folly Lane, Armagh

3.3 ROUTINE MAINTENANCE COMPLETED WORKS 2025 – 2026

Grass Cutting

The grass verges on all rural roads were cut in accordance with the Department's policy.

TABLE 47: Grass cutting completed

Total Length cut
2,669 Km

Defects

Section Office staff regularly inspect the local network for actionable defects in accordance with the Road Maintenance Guidelines. These guidelines classify the local roads according to traffic volume and establish corresponding deadlines for the repair of any defects identified.

TABLE 48: Defects details

Description	Total
Total priority defects recorded	12,493
Total repaired within specified timescales	2,496

Public Liability Claims

TABLE 49: Public Liability Claims details

Description	Detail Total
Total claims received	1300
- vehicular damage	1231
- personal injury	60
- property damage	9
Total claims settled	1174
Total claims rejected	126

Please note that statistics above for total claims settled are claims where compensation was paid, and statistics for total claims rejected are for claims where no compensation was paid.

The Department's road related claims data between 2019/20 to 2025/26 can be accessed via the following webpage; <https://www.infrastructure-ni.gov.uk/publications/road-asset-maintenance-directorate-management-information-roads-related-claims-period-20212022-20252026>

The link to general information relating to road related claims on NI Direct is via the following webpage; <https://www.nidirect.gov.uk/articles/claim-compensation-due-road-or-street-problem>

3.4 MAINTENANCE OF STRUCTURES

Highway Structures include bridges, sign gantries and retaining walls. All bridges must be capable of carrying 40 tonne vehicles and this requirement has led to the ongoing assessment of bridges in the area.

Structures Section manages the 1,275 bridges and culverts with a span of 1.8m and greater with-in the Division, 601 of which are in the Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough Council Area. Smaller structures are managed by the local Section Offices.

TABLE 50: Structures Maintenance Schemes Completed 2025/26

Structures maintenance work completed within the Armagh, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough Council during 2025/26.

Location	Scheme Description
Tullylish Road, Gilford	Impact repairs and general maintenance.
Clare Village, Clare	Impact repairs.
New Forge Road, Magherlin	Impact repairs.
Elmpark Road, Killylea	Impact repairs.
Maydown Road, Benburb	Extensive retaining wall rebuild.

TABLE 51: Vehicle Restraint Systems Upgrade Completed 2025/26

Vehicle Restraint Systems (VRS) upgrades undertaken within the Armagh, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough Council during 2025/26.

Road Name, Location
A0028, Markethill Road, Armagh
C0169, Brackagh Road, Portadown

TABLE 52: Structures Maintenance Schemes Planned 2026/27

Structures maintenance work proposed within the Armagh, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough Council during 2026/27.

Name, Location	Scheme Description
Dundrum Road, Tassagh	Retaining wall repairs.
Seagoe Flyover, Portadown	Half-Joint repairs.
Maple Path / Parkmore Footbridges, Craigavon	Bridge repairs.
Skeagh Road, Kinallen	Invert and masonry rebuild.
Huntly Road, Banbridge	Masonry repairs.
Lawrencetown Retaining Wall	Retaining wall repairs.
Granemore Road, Tassagh	Parapet repairs.
Drumorgan Road, Richhill	Parapet repairs.

Other maintenance schemes within the Armagh, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough Council Area will be dependent on the available budget within the year. All other bridges are inspected routinely. This generates an ongoing programme of maintenance / repairs to bridges and other structures.

TABLE 53: Vehicle Restraint Systems Upgrade Planned 2026/27

Vehicle Restraint Systems (VRS) proposed within the Armagh, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough Council area in 2026/27.

Road Name, Location
C0202, Ballymorran Road, Armagh
A0076, Lough Road, Lurgan

3.5 LANDS SECTION

The DfL Lands Team manage the Divisions lands assets and are responsible for the acquisition of land required for road improvement schemes. The work also involves processing abandonments of land, disposal of land assets that are no longer required and dealing with a range of land queries.

Abandonments

Abandonments of public rights-of-way such as sections of adopted roads and footways are procedures separate from the planning process. These involve a public consultation exercise which informs DfL Roads' decision.

TABLE 54: Abandonments

Road Name, Location	Date	Area (Sqm)
Kensington Avenue, Banbridge	25 June 2025	165 Sqm Road Verge

Stopping Up Orders

There were no Stopping Up Orders within the Armagh, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough Council area in 2025/26.

3.6 WINTER SERVICE

TABLE 55: Winter Service - dates of operations

Description	Start date	Completion date
Official winter maintenance period 2025-2026	13 October 2025	30 March 2026
Salting Operations in this period	68	

TABLE 56: Winter Service - details of operations

Description	Details
Depot locations in Armagh, Banbridge & Craigavon Borough Council area	Carn Depot, Carn Industrial Estate, Craigavon Armagh Depot, Ballynahonemore Road, Armagh
Number of gritters used during 1 gritting action in Council area	10
Number of personnel involved in gritting operation in Southern Division	135
Length of roads salted in Council area	948 km
Total volume of salt used during 2024-2025 winter season in Southern Division	11,665 tonnes



SECTION 4 - MAJOR PROJECTS SOUTH

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MAJOR PROJECTS SOUTH

4.1 A1 JUNCTIONS PHASE 2 (A1J2)

This proposal, which is estimated to cost in the range of £120m - £130m (currently under review), involves the construction of four grade separated junctions (flyovers) to facilitate the closing up of all openings in the central median and installation of a continuous central median concrete safety barrier along a 25 km stretch of the A1 dual carriageway between Hillsborough Roundabout and Loughbrickland, improving road safety for all road users on the A1.

The grade separated junctions will be located at:

- Listullycurran Road;
- Gowdystown Road;
- Skeltons Road / Drumneath Road; &
- Waringsford Road.



Existing Compact Grade Separated Junction at Pantridge Link, Hillsborough

In addition, the proposal includes the provision of a northbound on-slip from the Castlewellan Road, Banbridge, a link road from the Milebush Road to the existing Hillsborough Road junction at Dromore and the closure of nine road junctions along this section of the A1.

All other roads will then operate on a left in - left out basis. A number of private accesses onto the A1 are also proposed for closure.

The Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR) and draft Statutory Orders were published in March 2019 and the Public Inquiry into the scheme was held in March 2020. The Public Inquiry Inspector issued his report to the Department on 19 October 2020. Following the publication of the Departmental Statement on 28 January 2021, the Statutory Orders for the scheme were then made, with the Stopping Up (of Private Accesses) Order coming into operation on 24th June 2021 and the Direction Order on 16th July 2021.

On-site works for the advance ground investigations and archaeological investigations are now complete.

The former Infrastructure Minister John O'Dowd, on 2 July 2024, announced in the NI Assembly that the scheme will now proceed to the procurement stage.

Whilst the procurement process commenced in December 2024 with the Department expecting the contract to be awarded in 2026, due to the A5 WTC judgement, the scheme has subsequently been delayed. Ahead of the outcome of the A5 WTC judgment, work is ongoing to update the Business Case and necessary contract documents.

Subject to a favourable decision on the A5 WTC appeal, approval of the Business Case, clearing the remaining statutory procedures and the necessary funding being made available, the Department would move to issue the Invitation to Tender, and the making of the Vesting Order with an anticipated construction start date of Summer 2027.

It is expected that it will take three years to construct the scheme.

Additional scheme information is available at:

<https://www.infrastructure-ni.gov.uk/articles/a1-junctions-phase-2-overview>

4.2 ARMAGH NORTH AND WEST LINK

This scheme aims to provide a new link road around the North and West sides of Armagh City, to improve the A3 Portadown - Armagh - Monaghan Road strategic link corridor and to improve the environment in the historic city centre.

The Department is currently drafting a new Transportation Strategy for Northern Ireland (TSNI). It will form an overarching framework which will shape the planning and delivery of transport infrastructure and services up to 2035.

Work is ongoing to complete the draft TSNI for public consultation. Once the draft TSNI has been published, the Department will be able to review all work to date on the draft Regional Strategic Transport Network Transport Plan (RSTNTP) in the context of the TSNI and the carbon target for transport, which has not yet been set.

A prioritised list of major road schemes, that will continue to be progressed, explains that development work on the Armagh North and West Link is currently paused. A decision to recommence development work will be considered following confirmation of the RSTNTP.

4.3 A28 ARMAGH EAST LINK

This scheme aims to extend the strategic road network by providing a new link road on the east side of Armagh City, which connects the A3 Portadown Road and the A28 Markethill Road with the objective of improving road safety and relieving congestion in Armagh City Centre.

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SECTION 5 - ENGAGING WITH DfI ROADS

Public Interface

To maximise our effectiveness in delivering key road maintenance functions, we ask that members of the public and elected representatives who have access to the internet please report road defects via the DfI online reporting facility provided by NI Direct; <https://www.nidirect.gov.uk/information-and-services/travel-transport-and-roads/problems-roads-and-streets>.

Alternatively, faults that are considered to be an emergency (during working hours) can be reported by telephone to 028 90 540540.

Section Offices will be opened to the public from 10am - 12noon with meetings outside of this able to be arranged by appointment also.

Emergency Out of Office Hours Assistance

We have a call centre to deal with calls outside normal office hours. DfI Roads personnel can be called upon to deal with emergencies such as flooding, obstructions such as fallen trees, and when requested by Emergency Services, in clearing up after road traffic collisions. Routine roads related matters are not dealt with by this service and should be raised with DfI Roads offices during normal working hours.

The Emergency out of Hours telephone number is: 0300 200 7899

Reports of Flooding can be directed to the Flooding Incident Line 0300 2000 100 (24 hours a day).

DFI Roads Contact Details

Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough Council Area

Report a fault - (eg, street lights, pot holes, blocked gullies, etc)

<https://www.nidirect.gov.uk/information-and-services/travel-transport-and-roads/problems>

Maintenance – We have two Section Offices covering the Borough, one in Armagh and one in Craigavon.

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DfI Roads website

<https://www.infrastructure-ni.gov.uk/>

TRAFFICWATCH website

www.trafficwatchni.com

Floodline Incident Line

The Flooding Incident Line is available 24 hours a day, every day. You can report flooding problems on roads or burst water mains and blocked drains. **Telephone: 0300 2000 100**