
By: Interim Director, Kent Highway Services
To: Highways Advisory Board - 6th January 2009
Subject: **Concrete Roads**
Classification: Unrestricted

Summary: The report provides a short progress update in relation to condition assessment and analysis of concrete roads in Kent.

Introduction

This report follows on from the last report to HAB on the 8th July 2008 concerning Magnolia Avenue, Cliftonville and the need for KHS to consider an approach to maintaining the Authority's minor concrete roads asset. The purpose of this report is to update HAB on progress in assessing the County's concrete estate roads.

Condition Assessment

The condition assessment of Kent's minor roads is achieved by a visual survey carried out on a two year cycle. Six Districts are surveyed one year and the remaining six the following year. The six Districts being surveyed this year are: Maidstone, Canterbury, Gravesham, Shepway, Thanet and Tunbridge Wells.

In order to complete an assessment of the condition of Kent's concrete road asset, this year's survey is being extended to cover concrete roads in the other six Districts that the local Highway Inspector consider are in need of attention. This report will be followed up with a further report in April to promote a programme of repairs.

Change in Analysis

This year's visual survey is being enhanced to record the particular types of deterioration exhibited by concrete roads to enable a comprehensive assessment of the needs for maintaining this part of the roads asset. Therefore, the concrete road survey data will be separately analysed to develop a specific programme of repairs for the County's concrete estate roads.

Further Report to HAB

A further report will be presented to the May meeting of this Board to consider the needs for investment in the concrete roads asset. This report will make use of the enhanced survey and analysis used to compile a proposed programme of works.

Conclusion

HAB is asked to note the progress being made in identifying the need for investment in the County's concrete estate roads and to await a further report post April 2009.

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