

Section 31 Grant – Extra road maintenance funding following abnormal damage caused by  
sever winter 2010/11

Public Statement

It is commonly acknowledged that the last two winter seasons have been identified as the worst winters for 15 and 30 years respectively and this has had an adverse affect on the condition of both the national and our local road network.

Central Government identified additional funding of £200 million to assist authorities in treating roads that had deteriorated as a result of the 2010/11 winter weather. Solihull Council welcomed this additional funding and received £453,248 from this fund as a revenue grant to be used to repair the roads in the borough.

Solihull Council also identified £50,000 of additional funding in February 2011 to undertake repairs to roads where potholes had appeared.

**Emergency Winter Damage Fund**

The funding from Central Government was used to fund:-

1. Additional minor road repairs. At the start of 201/11 the Council had been able to complete the backlog of potholes caused by the winter conditions. To ensure that additional areas that were starting to deteriorate were treated a programme of minor patching works valued at £100,000 was developed and completed by the end of May 2011. By using additional resource to complete this programme of works the regular pothole repair service was maintained, ensuring defects were rectified within the original period, i.e. 24 hours.

2. The Council had identified £3,930,000 of funding to maintain the roads within the Borough and approved a programme of resurfacing and proactive treatments to seal and extend the life of the roads showing signs of cracking, reducing the risk of damage in future winters. By additionally using £353,248 of the Government funding, it has allowed more locations to be treated reducing the risk of future potholes occurring as a direct result of climate conditions.

These additional roads are;

Kingsleigh Drive	Castle Bromwich
Henwood Lane	Knowle
Needlers End Lane	Meriden
Solihull Road	Shirley
Monkspath / Stratford Rd Island	Blythe
Coventry Rd s/rd	Elmdon
Lady Lane	Blythe
Hazel Oak Road	Shirley South