



September 23rd, 2024

Notice Of Meeting

You are requested to attend the Council meeting to be held on **Monday, 23rd September 2024** at **6:00 pm** in **Council Chamber, Downshire Civic Centre.**

Agenda

1.0 Apologies and Chairperson's Remarks

Councillors Devlin & S Murphy

2.0 Declarations of Interest

3.0 DFI Roads Annual Report

For Information

In attendance:

Mark McPeak - Divisional Manager

Stephen Duffy

Bronagh Gillespie

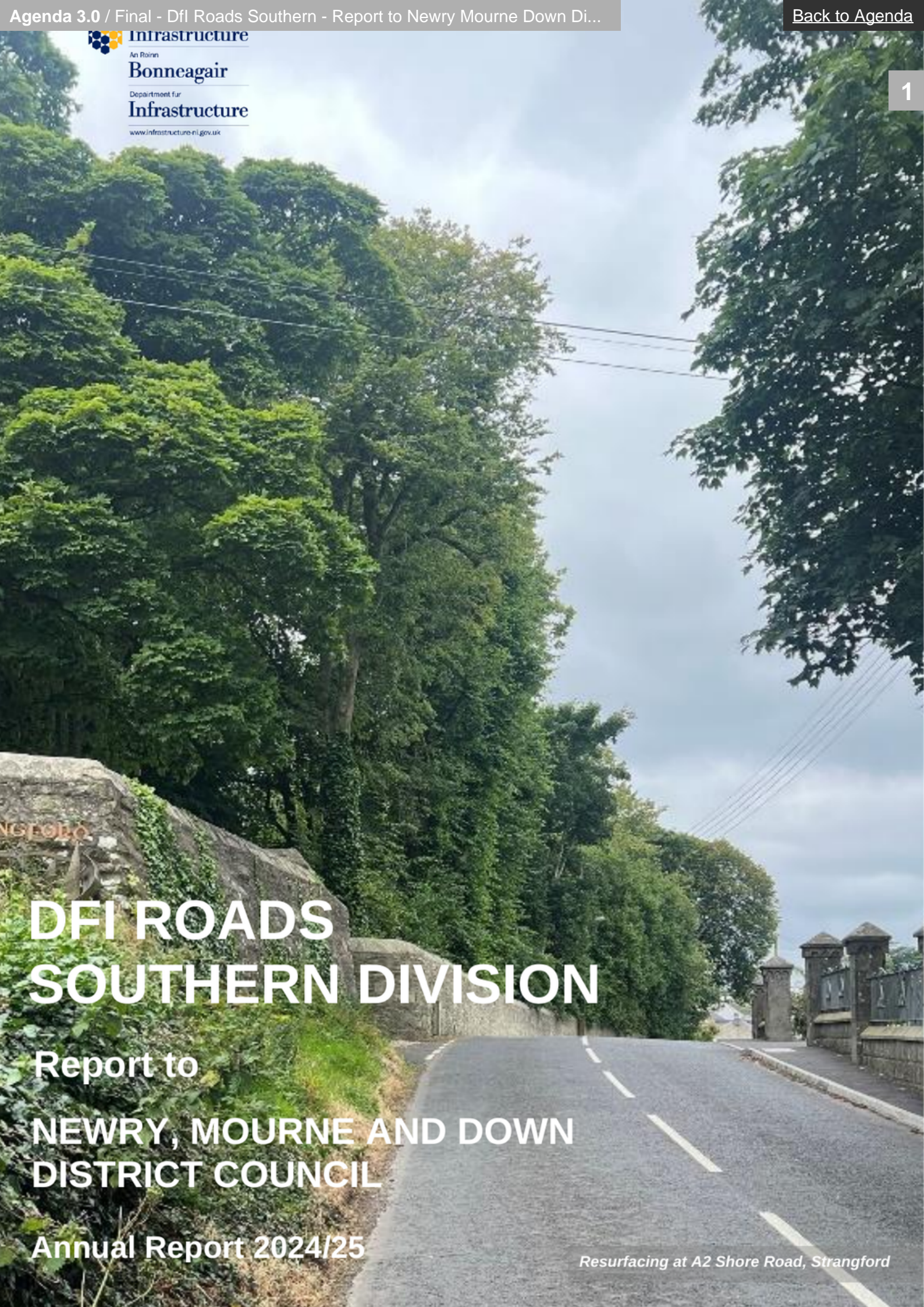
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Invitees

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Cllr Jim Brennan
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Cllr Pete Byrne
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Cllr Philip Campbell
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DFI ROADS SOUTHERN DIVISION

Report to

**NEWRY, MOURNE AND DOWN
DISTRICT COUNCIL**

Annual Report 2024/25

Resurfacing at A2 Shore Road, Strangford

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Foreword

I have pleasure in submitting the Roads 2024/25 Annual Report on the work of the Department for Infrastructure (DfI) Roads across the Newry, Mourne and Down District Council area.

This report deals with works completed across the Council area during the year 2023/24 and sets out our initial proposals for schemes to be undertaken in the year 2024/25.

The road network is Northern Ireland's largest and most valuable strategic infrastructure asset. Getting infrastructure right - and investing in it – can and will deliver real benefits for our citizens, our communities and the economy. It delivers for people every day by providing and maintaining the things we all need to go about our daily lives, and which make this place work. While recognising there is much more to do as we seek to improve and protect the vital asset that is our road network, we are working hard to maximise the positive impacts we can deliver with the resources we have.

The budget allocated to the Department for 2024-25 is challenging, however we continue to prioritise essential frontline services and address regional imbalance. In June 2024 the Department launched its 'Budget 2024-25 Equality Impact Assessment (EQIA) Consultation' to facilitate a thorough assessment of the equality impacts of the 2024-25 opening resource and capital budgets allocated to the Department. An interim report has been published on the findings from the consultation and can be viewed at: [DfI Budget 2024-25 Equality Impact Assessment - Interim Consultation Report \(infrastructure-ni.gov.uk\)](https://infrastructure-ni.gov.uk)

The opening Capital budget for structural maintenance of the road network in 2024/25 is £89m, which will enable the delivery of the highest priority resurfacing, roadside stability and drainage projects. Further details of those projects to be delivered within the Newry, Mourne and Down District Council 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 the Department will continue with a Limited Service policy 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 roadside verges and sightline grass at least twice between April and October on the 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.

At present a full street lighting repair service continues during 2024/25.

The Division is continuing to face significant staffing pressures which is impacting on our ability to deliver and as such public safety is our paramount priority, and as a result it may mean other

functions will be lower in our priorities. In an effort to maximise our effectiveness I would strongly encourage Councillors who have access to the internet to please report road defects using the DfI online reporting facility provided by NIDirect. Operational teams are of course available to assist with emergency and public safety related queries and can be contacted using our generic email addresses or by phone using our emergency numbers shown on Pages 58 and 59.

The Department recognises that investing in pedestrian and cycling infrastructure can help make our streets feel safer and more accessible for the many people who want greater choice in how they travel, particularly for shorter everyday journeys. It can also help to reduce air pollution and tackle climate change, particularly in combination with public transport.

We are developing a Northern Ireland wide Active Travel Delivery Plan that includes an update of our policies and design guidance for Active Travel as well as network plans for our larger towns and cities. We aim to consult the public on this plan later in 2024. When complete, the Active Travel Delivery Plan will complement the Belfast Cycling Network Delivery Plan and the Strategic Plan for Greenways to provide a firm basis for the prioritisation, design, and delivery of active travel across the north.

The Department continues to work closely with Councils to better understand your five-year active travel programme and to develop an effective grant and support framework for the effective delivery of greenways and other measures to promote and encourage active travel.

Regarding Major Projects in the Council area, the publication of the prioritised list of major road schemes includes the Newry Southern Relief Road and explains that development work on the Ballynahinch Bypass is currently paused. A decision on the schemes within this list will be considered following confirmation of the Department's Transport Plans and the availability of funding. Development work on the Newry Southern Relief Road will continue to progress towards the next key decision regarding publication of draft Orders later in 2024.

In July, the Infrastructure Minister, John O'Dowd MLA announced in the NI Assembly that the A1 upgrade scheme will now proceed to the procurement stage. Work is ongoing to finalise the Business Case and complete the preparation of the contract documents. Further progression of the A1J2 scheme to procurement and subsequent construction will depend on the approval of the Business Case, clearing the remaining statutory procedures and funding being made available to the Department.

I hope that you find this report informative. I, along with a representative from one of our Section Offices, Stephen Duffy and Bronagh Gillespie look forward to meeting the Council.

Mark McPeak
Divisional Roads Manager

Southern Division - Senior Management Structure



Mark McPeak
Divisional Manager

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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Road Planning Manager

Development Control, Private Streets, Local Development Plans and Street Lighting.



Ryan Gough
Road Development Manager

Improvements and minor works.



Alan McMurray
Road Maintenance Manager

Maintenance of existing road network.



Brian McClelland
Major Projects Team South Manager (Acting)

Major works schemes (>£5M).

About Southern Division

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



In Southern Division we are responsible for approximately 8000km of public road together with 1275 bridges, 121 signalised junctions, 183 stand alone signalised pedestrian controlled crossings, approximately 83,000 streetlights and over 650 illuminated signs and bollards. 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 & Safety Measures.
- **Road Planning** - Regulation of additions to the network proposed by developers.

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1.1 Development Control

Planning Applications

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, complete 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 2023 to 31 March 2024 within the Newry, Mourne and Down District Council Area.

TABLE 1: Planning Consultations

Consultation Details	Southern Division	Newry, Mourne and Down District Council Area
Number of consultations	3634	1493
Number of Pre-Planning Enquiries	61	15

Of the above, 39 were housing developments involving the Private Streets (NI) Order 1980. Creating approximately 4.2km of new road and 1.1km 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
LA07/2021/0296/F Housing	Martins Lane, Newry
LA07/2023/3188/f Education	Patrick Street, Newry
LA07/2023/2274/ F Civic Centre	Abbey Way, Newry

Roads (NI) Order 1993, Article 80

Article 80 applies to new vehicular accesses or agricultural accesses onto unclassified roads. It covers proposals such as new driveway entrances or alterations where planning permission is not required. During the reporting period DfI Roads dealt with **26** 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 2023 – 2024

TABLE 3: Private Streets – Adoption numbers

Adoption Details	Southern Division	Newry, Mourne and Down District Council Area
Number of adoptions	51	7

TABLE 4: Adoption locations

Adoption locations	Date of Adoption
Calmor View, Newry (stage 1)	25/05/23
Fort Ridge, Newry (stage 1)	05/06/23
Forest Hill, Newry (stage 1)	07/06/23
Darragh Court, Annalong, (stage 0)	31/07/23
Carrickshane, Bessbrook (stage 4)	19/09/23
Meadowvale, Newtownhamilton (stage 2)	01/11/23
Maghera Way, Kilkeel (stage 0 to 2)	20/03/23

During the reporting period Private Streets Section has been successful in adopting a total of **7** private developments comprising **483** metres of carriageway and **20** metres footway into the publicly maintained road network.

1.3 Private Streets - Enforcement

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.

There is currently no enforcement action planned for the coming year.

Property Certificates

Private Streets Section coordinates the DfI Roads response to Property Certificate Enquiries. A total of **8132** 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 accessing the following link:

<https://www.nidirect.gov.uk/services/planning-portal>.

1.5 Street Lighting

The total number of streetlights in Southern Division is approximately 83,000, of which 26,000 (31%) are in the Newry Mourne and Down Council area.

Completed Works 2023 – 2024

TABLE 5: Street Lighting – completed

Location	Scheme Description
Loanda Crescent and Martins Lane, Newry	Replacement.
Cambrook Estate, Bessbrook	Replacement.
Forest Park and Low Road, Dromintee	Replacement.
Dundalk Street, Newtownhamilton	Replacement.
Carnagat Road, Newry	Replacement.
Marie Villas, Warrenpoint	Replacement.
Lisdrum Park, Newry	Replacement.
Glassdruman Road, Newry	Replacement.
Millbank Industrial Estate, Warrenpoint	Replacement.
Cardinal O'Fiaich Square, Crossmaglen, Newry	Replacement.
Corrign Ave, Newcastle	Replacement.
Quay lane, Strangford	Replacement.
Downs Road, Newcastle	Replacement.
West End, Bessbrook	Replacement.
Cherrywood Grove, Newry	Replacement.
Lisdrum Park, Newry	Replacement.
Sandy Street, Newry	Replacement.
Ballyholden Road, Newry	Replacement.
Oliver Plunket Park, Newry	Trenching only.

Upgrading of existing street lighting to LED Lanterns

The LED retro fit programme is continuing across the Division. The intention is to reduce energy and maintenance costs by replacing old SOX and SON Lanterns. These are expensive to maintain and the ability to replace parts is diminishing as the production of these parts are being run down. Our target of replacing 3474 SOX and SON lanterns with modern LED lanterns in the council area has been met.

Street Lighting Maintenance

Since April 2015, in line with reductions in available staff, 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 number 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 anytime, subject to budget being available.

Planned Works 2024 – 2025**TABLE 6: Street Lighting – planned**

Location	Scheme Description
Cuan Beach, Killyleagh	Replacement Scheme.
Tullymacreeve Road, Mullaghbawn	Replacement Scheme.
Mountainview, Camlough	Replacement Scheme.

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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 2023 – 2024

TABLE 7: Pedestrian Measures completed

Road Number	Road Name	Scheme Description	Status
A0024	Belfast Road, Ballynahinch	New Puffin Crossing.	Complete
A0025	Camlough Road, Bessbrook (at St Pauls School)	Upgrade of controlled crossing to a Puffin.	Complete
A0025	Main Street, Castlewellan	Upgrade of controlled crossing to a Puffin.	Complete
A0025	Main Street, Castlewellan (at the chapel)	Upgrade of controlled crossing to a Puffin.	Complete
A0025	Camlough Road, Newry (at Deramore Road)	Upgrade of controlled crossing to a Puffin.	Complete
A0050	Newcastle Road, Castlewellan	New Puffin crossing.	Complete

TABLE 8: Collision Remedial completed

Road Number	Road Name	Scheme Description	Status
A0007	Belfast Road / Finnebrogue Road, Downpatrick	Junction Visibility Improvements.	Complete
A0022	Old Belfast Road, Downpatrick (at Quoile Bridge)	Carriageway resurfacing and enhanced signage on the approach to Quoile bridge from Downpatrick.	Complete

TABLE 9: Road Signs, Markings, and Bollards completed

Road Number	Road Name	Scheme Description	Status
A0002	Minerstown Road, Downpatrick	Bend warning sign.	Complete
A0002	Main Street, Dundrum	T Bar markings.	Complete
A0007	Saintfield Road, Crossgar	Directional sign.	Complete
A0007	Crossgar Road, Crossgar	Horse warning signs.	Complete
A0021	Ballynahinch Road, Saintfield	Cattle warning signs.	Complete
A0022	Killyleagh Road, Downpatrick	Chevron, bend warning signs and 20 x marker posts.	Complete
A0022	Old Belfast Road, Downpatrick	Bend warning sign.	Complete
A0024	Drumaness Road, Ballynahinch	Chevrons, double bend signs and marker posts.	Complete
A0024	Main Street, Clough	Keep left signs.	Complete

Road Number	Road Name	Scheme Description	Status
A0024	Newcastle Road, Seaforde	Deflection arrow markings.	Complete
A0025	Strangford Road, Downpatrick	6 x No footway signs.	Complete
A0025	Dublin Road, Kilcoo	Directional signs.	Complete
A0050	Bann Road, Castlewellan	3 x chevron signs, 20 x marker posts and 2 x double bend reduce speed now signs.	Complete
B0001	St Patricks Avenue, Downpatrick	Limited waiting sign.	Complete
B0007	Rathfriland Road, Dromara	Hidden dip sign.	Complete
B0176	Downpatrick Road, Killough	Bend warning signs.	Complete
C0291	Drumsnade Road, Drumaness	Horse warning sign.	Complete
C0304	Hollybush Road, Castlewellan	Direction signs.	Complete
C0323	Leitrim Road, Castlewellan	Multiple bends warning signs.	Complete
C0323	Leitrim Road, Castlewellan	Slow markings.	Complete
C0366	Ballyhornan Road, Downpatrick	Bend warning signs and chevrons.	Complete
C0366	Ballyhornan Road, Ballyalton	30 Roundel markings.	Complete
U0118	Magheratimpany Road, Drumaness	Horse warning sign.	Complete
U0125	Comber Street, Saintfield	T Bar marking.	Complete
U0175	Drumulcaw Road, Downpatrick	Chevron sign.	Complete
U0175	Scribb Road, Downpatrick	Multiple bends warning sign.	Complete
U0175	Shanbally Road, Downpatrick	Multiple bends warning sign.	Complete
U0236	Church Road, Inch	No through road sign.	Complete
U0328	Derryboye Road, Crossgar	Direction sign.	Complete
U0347	Net Walk, Killyleagh	T Bar marking.	Complete
U0361	Listooder Road, Saintfield	Double yellow line markings.	Complete
U0379	Ringdufferin Road, Killyleagh	Horse warning sign.	Complete
U6105	Windmill Street, Ballynahinch	Keep Clear markings.	Complete
U6206	The Harbour Slip, Newcastle	Keep Clear, white box and parking bays markings.	Complete
U6300	Fair Green Terrace car parking	Keep Clear and hatching markings.	Complete
U6600	The Quay, Strangford	Marker posts.	Complete

TABLE 10: Speed Limits completed

Road Number	Road Name	Scheme Description	Status
A0025	Dublin Road, Kilcoo	New 30mph speed limit / extension of existing 40mph speed limit.	Complete

TABLE 11: Waiting Restrictions completed

Road Number	Road Name	Scheme Description	Status
U6206	Yacht Club Access / Harbour Slip, Newcastle	Double Yellow lines.	Complete
U0361	Listooder Road, Saintfield	Double Yellow lines.	Complete
U6002	Irish Street, Downpatrick	Revocation of existing shared loading bay and provide new parking bay with limited waiting.	Complete

TABLE 12: Accessible Parking Bays completed

Road Number	Road Name	Scheme Description	Status
C0281	31 Saul Street, Downpatrick	Remove Accessible Parking Bay.	Complete
C0281	125 Saul Street, Downpatrick	Accessible Parking Bay.	Complete
U0318	9 Pemberton Park, Downpatrick	Accessible Parking Bay.	Complete
U1113	23 Jordanstown, Clough	Remove Accessible Parking Bay.	Complete
U6002	26 Thomas Russell Park, Downpatrick	Remove Accessible Parking Bay.	Complete
U6280	College Gardens, Newry	Accessible Parking Bay x 2.	Complete
U6281	Parkhead Crescent, Newry	Accessible Parking Bay.	Complete
U6292	7 Well Lane, Newry	Accessible Parking Bay.	Complete
U6294	13 Lisgullion Park, Newry	Accessible Parking Bay.	Complete
U6401	42 Charlotte Street, Warrenpoint	Accessible Parking Bay.	Complete
U6402	11 Ardallan Park, Warrenpoint	Accessible Parking Bay.	Complete
U6402	13 Ardallan Park, Warrenpoint	Accessible Parking Bay.	Complete
U6540	Rooney Park, Kilkeel	Accessible Parking Bay.	Complete
U6540	22 Rooney Park Kilkeel	Accessible Parking Bay.	Complete

2.2 Planned Works 2024 – 2025

Please note that the delivery of the schemes listed below will be dependent on availability of Contractor resources.

TABLE 13: Carriageways / Minor Works planned

Road Number	Road Name	Scheme Description	Status
A0025	Market Street / Church Street Junctions, Downpatrick	Traffic light signals upgrade.	Planned 24/25

TABLE 14: Pedestrian Measures planned

Road Number	Road Name	Scheme Description	Status
A0002	William Street, Newry	Dual Toucan upgrade.	Complete.
A0002	Main Street, Dundrum (at Sacred Heart PS)	New Puffin crossing to help improve the pedestrian safety in these areas.	Planned 24/25 Subject to available resources.
A0007	Belfast Road / Main Street / Todds Hill, Saintfield	A Traffic Signal Junction Upgrade incorporating Puffin facilities will be provided. Due to essential maintenance being required the upgrade of this signalised junction will introduce an enhanced form of traffic control (MOVA) to improve junction accessibility for pedestrians with the introduction of puffin crossings.	Planned 24/25 Subject to available resources.
A0025	Newry Road, Rathfriland (at Ivy Cottages)	Footway.	Planned 24/25 Subject to available resources.
A0025	Monaghan Street, Newry	Puffin upgrade.	Planned 24/25 Subject to available resources.
A0027	New Street, Newry	New puffin crossing to help improve the pedestrian safety in these areas.	Planned 24/25 Subject to available resources.

Road Number	Road Name	Scheme Description	Status
B0001	Ardglass Road / Edward Street, Downpatrick	An infill footway link along Ardglass Road and Edward Street from the junction with Ardglass Road across the frontage of the properties this has been carried over from last year. A controlled crossing will also be provided on Ardglass Road.	Ongoing
B0007	Crossgar Road, Ballynahinch (Between Windmill Lane and Windmill Gardens)	New puffin crossing to help improve the pedestrian safety in these areas.	Planned 24/25 Subject to available resources.
U6103	Langley Road Estate, Ballynahinch	Dropped Kerbs. (9 locations)	Complete
U6204	Margurite Park, Newcastle	Dropped Kerbs. (7 locations)	Complete
Various	Ardglass Village	Dropped Kerbs. (13 locations)	Complete
U6281	Martins Lane, Newry	Dropped Kerbs.	Complete

TABLE 15: Cycling Measures planned

Road Number	Road Name	Scheme Description	Status
A0050	Newcastle Road, Castlewellan (Sawmills Road to Bus Stop)	Resurfacing / shared cycle path.	Planned 24/25 Subject to available resources.

TABLE 16: Traffic Calming planned

Road Number	Road Name	Scheme Description	Status
U5341	Newtown Road at Parkview, Cloghogue	Traffic cushions and humps.	Planned 24/25 Subject to available resources.

TABLE 17: Safer Routes to Schools planned

Road Number	Road Name	Scheme Description	Status
C0174	St Joseph's Primary School, Convent Hill, Bessbrook	Upgrade to Safer Routes to School signs.	Planned 24/25 Subject to available resources.
U6290	St Clare's Primary School, Courtney Hill, Newry	Upgrade to Safer Routes to School signs.	Planned 24/25 Subject to available resources.

TABLE 18: Road Signs, Markings, and Bollards planned

Road Number	Road Name	Scheme Description	Status
A0002	Main Street, Dundrum	School warning signs.	Planned 24/25
A0002	Minerstown Road, Downpatrick	Slow marking.	Planned 24/25
A0002	Carlins Cove, Rostrevor	Pedestrian warning signs and slow road markings.	Planned 24/25
A0007	Downpatrick Road, Crossgar	Multiple roundabout signs.	Planned 24/25
A0007	Saintfield Road, Crossgar	Direction signs.	Planned 24/25
A0007	Belfast Road, Downpatrick	Staggered junction warning signs.	Planned 24/25
A0022	Killyleagh Road, Killinchy	Slow marking.	Planned 24/25
A0025	Mill Hill, Castlewellan	Direction signs.	Planned 24/25
A0025	Castleward Road, Downpatrick	Crossroad warning sign.	Planned 24/25
A0025	Dublin Road, Kilcoo	30 Roundel and 40 Roundel markings.	Planned 24/25
A0050	Castlewellan Road, Downpatrick	30 Roundel marking.	Planned 24/25
B0006	Manse Road, Derryboye	Crossroads warning signs.	Planned 24/25
B0006	Clea Lough Road, Derryboye	Bend warning sign.	Planned 24/25
B0007	Burren Crossroads	Advance directional signs and road markings.	Planned 24/25
B0176	Killough Road, Downpatrick	Slow marking.	Planned 24/25
B0180	Bryansford Avenue, Newcastle	One way signage.	Planned 24/25
C0277	Scaddy Road, Downpatrick	Junction warning signs.	Planned 24/25
C0316	Ballyardle Crossroads, Kilkeel	Crossheads ahead signs.	Planned 24/25

Road Number	Road Name	Scheme Description	Status
C0366	Ballyhornan Road, Downpatrick	Multiple Slow markings.	Planned 24/25
U0148	Upper Square, Castlewellan	Direction signs.	Planned 24/25
U0162	Church Road, Kilmore	Directional sign.	Planned 24/25
U1174	Annadorn Road, Downpatrick	Horse warning signs.	Planned 24/25
U5287	Ferryhill Road, Newry	Marker posts.	Complete
U6209	Park Avenue, Newcastle	No entry sign.	Planned 24/25
U6292	Ballyholland Road, Newry	Pedestrian warning signs and slow road markings.	Planned 24/25
All Routes into Village	Crossmaglen Gateways	New speed signs and dragon's teeth road markings.	Planned 24/25
All Routes into Village	Cullyhanna Gateways	New speed signs and dragon's teeth road markings.	Planned 24/25

TABLE 19: Speed Limits planned

Road Number	Road Name	Scheme Description	Status
A0002	Newry Road, Warrenpoint	40mph.	Legislation

TABLE 20: Waiting Restrictions planned

Road Number	Road Name	Scheme Description	Status
U0125	Comber Street, Saintfield	Limited waiting restrictions.	Planned 24/25

TABLE 21: Traffic Orders (Road & Lane Closures) planned

Road Number	Road Name	Scheme Description	Status
Various Routes	Various – approx. 3500	Road and Lane Closures.	On-going

TABLE 22: Accessible Parking Bays planned

Road Number	Road Name	Scheme Description	Status
A0002	15 Seaview Warrenpoint	Accessible Parking Bay.	Planned 24/25
C0329	16 Bridge Street Rostrevor (Outside Pharmacy)	Accessible Parking Bay.	Planned 24/25
U6002	7 Thomas Russell Park, Downpatrick	Accessible Parking Bay.	Planned 24/25

Road Number	Road Name	Scheme Description	Status
U6204	55 Ballaghbeg Park, Newcastle	Accessible Parking Bay.	Planned 24/25
U6280	23 Mountain View Park, Newry	Accessible Parking Bay.	Planned 24/25
U6280	30 Clanrye Avenue, Newry	Accessible Parking Bay.	Planned 24/25
U6281	4 James Connolly Park, Newry	Accessible Parking Bay.	Planned 24/25
U6285	195 Barcroft Park, Newry	Accessible Parking Bay.	Planned 24/25
U6292	11 John Mitchel Street, Newry	Accessible Parking Bay.	Planned 24/25
U6294	93 Drumgullion Avenue, Newry	Accessible Parking Bay.	Planned 24/25
U6294	44 Mourne View Park, Newry	Accessible Parking Bay.	Planned 24/25
U6403	10 Parkside, Warrenpoint	Accessible Parking Bay.	Planned 24/25

TABLE 23: Accessible Parking [Dropped kerbs/mobility ramps] planned

Road Number	Road Name	Scheme Description	Status
U6011	11 Kincora Drive, Downpatrick	Dropped Kerb.	Planned 24/25
U6700	49 Meadow Court, Ardglass	Dropped Kerb.	Complete

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 of 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.

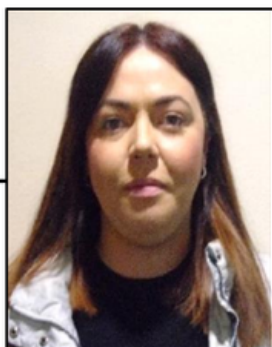
Legislation

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 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.

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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. It strengthens the road, seals it against the ingress of water, and improves skidding resistance and riding quality.

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 existing surface may need to be removed before the 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 on 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 has 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 late in the growing season where it is safe to do so.

Gully Emptying

In 2024/25 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.

Rural Roads Fund

In 2024/25, approximately £10m 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. £8m 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 59.

Street Works

TABLE 24: Street Works by Utility companies

Number of Notifications in Southern Division	Number of Notifications in Newry, Mourne and Down District Council	Number of Inspections Carried Out.	Percentage of those inspected that were unsatisfactory
20,708	6,661	1371	1.5%

3.1 STRUCTURAL MAINTENANCE COMPLETED WORKS 2023 – 2024

Completed Surfacing

TABLE 25: Resurfacing – Trunk Road Network completed

Total length completed
1.7 Km

TABLE 26: Resurfacing – Trunk Road Network locations

Road Number	Road Name
A0024	Drumaness Road, Ballynahinch
A0028	Carnbane Way, Newry

TABLE 27: Resurfacing – Remaining Road Network completed

Total length completed
9.47 km

TABLE 28: Resurfacing – Remaining Road Network locations

Road Number	Road Name
A0002	Shore Road, Strangford
A0002	Quay Street, Ardglass
A0024	Main Street, Clough
A0025	Camlough Road, Camlough (at St. Paul's School)
A0029	Dundalk Road, Newtownhamilton
B0002	Downpatrick Road, Ballynahinch
B0007	Rathfriland Road, Dromara
B0007	Crossgar Road, Ballynahinch
C0285	Bonecastle Road, Downpatrick
C0333	Chapel Road, Newry (at St. Mary's School)
U0119	Grove Road, Ballynahinch
U5656	John F Kennedy Park, Bessbrook
U6280 / U6282 / B0079 / B0029	Catherine Street / Lower Catherine Street / Edward Street / Corry Square, Newry

TABLE 29: Surface Dressing completed

Total length completed
240 Km

TABLE 30: Surface Dressing locations

Road Number	Road Name
B0007	Rathfriland Road, Dromara
B0079	Fathom Line, Newry
C0174	Convent Hill, Bessbrook
C0204	Carrickgollogly Road, Belleek
C0221	Shaughan Road, Belleek
C0223	Lisleitrim Road, Cullyhanna
C0283	Crew Road, Ardglass
C0287	Forde Road, Ballykinler
C0293	Dunmore Road, Ballynahinch
C0295	Creevytenant Road, Ballynahinch
C0295	Middle Road, Ballynahinch
C0304	Wateresk Road, Maghera
C0315	Church Road, Ballymartin
C0321	Sandbank Road, Hilltown
C0330	Cross Road, Hilltown
C0330	Leode Road, Hilltown
C0332	Clonallon Road, Warrenpoint
C0366	Rocks Road, Ballyhoran
U0038	Kilmegan Road, Castlewellan
U0111	Glassdrummond Road, Ballynahinch
U0111	Blacks Lane, Ballynahinch
U0112	Brae Road, Ballynahinch
U0126	Rosemount Road, Ballynahinch
U0128	Guinness Road, Ballynahinch

Road Number	Road Name
U0129	Dunmore Road, Ballynahinch
U0139	Manse Road, Seaforde
U0141	Moneylane Road, Dundrum
U0144	Aughlisnafin Road, Castlewellan
U0146	Rocks Chapel Road, Downpatrick
U0146	Craig Road, Downpatrick
U0160	Drumbuck Road, Castlewellan
U0165	Rann Road, Downpatrick
U0166	Inch Abbey Road, Downpatrick
U0166	Cotterhill Road, Downpatrick
U0179	Horners Road, Ballynahinch
U0202	Trassey Road, Bryansford
U0229	Tullybrannigan Road, Newcastle
U0230	Ballysallagh Road, Downpatrick
U0237	Bishopscourt Road, Downpatrick
U0238	Ballywooden Road, Downpatrick
U0239	Kilclief Road, Kilclief
U0240	Shore Road, Ballyhoran
U0240	Killard Road, Ballyhoran
U0245	Grange Road, Downpatrick
U0245	Quarter Road, Downpatrick
U0246	Ballyclander Road, Downpatrick
U0252	Ballysallagh Road, Downpatrick
U0329	Templeburn Road, Raffery
U0351	Greystown Road, Downpatrick
U0353	Turmennan Road, Downpatrick
U0354	Craig Road, Saintfield
U0372	Carsonstown Road, Saintfield
U0383	Cherryhill Road, Ballynahinch

Road Number	Road Name
U0386	Broomhill Road, Ballynahinch
U1211	Loughkeelan Road, Downpatrick
U1212	Whitehills Road, Downpatrick
U1215	Blackscauseway Road, Strangford
U1219	Sheepland Road, Ardglass
U1227	Dillon Road, Downpatrick
U2213	Drumroe Road, Ballycruttle
U2214	Glebe Road, Downpatrick
U4165	Drin Road, Finnis
U4166	Dree Hill, Finnis
U4216	Legananny Road, Castlewellan
U5006	Lesh Lane, Lissummon
U5031	Tullyherron Road, Whitecross
U5069	Coiners Lane, Newtownhamilton
U5191	Camlough Mountain Road, Newry
U5201	Carn Road, Killeavy
U5218	Ummericam Road, Silverbridge
U5266	Ballard Road, Lislea
U5269	Old Road, Camlough
U5275	Mountain Road, Dromintee
U5276	Forest Road, Forkhill
U5277	Cloughinney Road, Forkhill
U5286	Flagstaff Hill, Newry
U5304	Forge Road, Cullyhanna
U5313	Bog Road, Cullyhanna
U5324	Brogies Road, Cloughoge
U5326	Barracric Road, Cloughoge
U5364	Lough Road, Silverbridge
U5369	Back Road, Mullaghbawn

Road Number	Road Name
U5397	Dernaroy Road, Dromintee
U5411	Glendesha Road, Mullaghbawn
U5418	O'Callaghan's Road, Silverbridge
U5420	Carnally Road, Silverbridge
U5426	Cortreasla Road, Ballsmill
U5461	Coolderry Road, Crossmaglen
U5463	Leeter Road, Silverbridge
U5470	Lisseraw Road, Crossmaglen
U5501	Rathole Lane, Newtownhamilton
U6007	Ballyblough Road, Glenn
U6013	Ardkeeragh Road, Rathfriland
U6018	Curley Road, Rathfriland
U6030	Gransha Road, Rathfriland
U6048	Barr Hill, Glenn
U6058	Tamary Road, Hilltown
U6104	Ryan Road, Mayobridge
U6118	Sandy Road, Sheeptown
U6135	Ballymaderfy Road, Kilkeel
U6173	Lurgancanty Road, Burren
U6174	Clontifleece School Road, Burren
U6179	Donaghaguy Road, Burren
U6215	Aughnaoorey Road, Kilkeel
U6216	Aughnaloopey Road, Kilkeel
U6250	Council Road, Kilkeel
U6291	Commons School Road, Ballyholland
U6291	Fort Hill Road, Newry
U6291	Moor Hill Road, Newry
U6405	Greys Back Lane, Warrenpoint

TABLE 31: Roads Recovery completed

Total length completed
12 Km

TABLE 32: Roads Recovery locations

Road Number	Road Name, Location
C0215	Cullentragh Road, Jerrettspass
C0216	Jockeys Brae, Jerrettspass
C0332	Clonallan Road, Burren
C0337	Corgary Road, Newry
U0116	Old Park Road, Drumaness
U0120	Craighill Lane, Ballynahinch
U0160	Drumbuck Road, Castlewellan
U0168	Raleigh Road, Ballynahinch
U0529	Glenview Road, Ballynahinch
U1216	Audleystown Road, Strangford
U4217	Ribadoo Road, Castlewellan
U5015	Kilrea Road, Jerrettspass
U5019	Ashtree Hill, Jerrettspass
U5215	Polkone Road, Cullyhanna
U5216	Garveys Road, Cullyhanna
U5236	Duburren Road, Belleek
U5237	Courtney Road, Belleek
U5238	Garvagh Road, Belleek
U5480	Malachy Conlon Park, Cullaville
U5655	Millvale Park, Bessbrook (2 locations)
U6009	Abbeyview Road, Crossgar
U6017	Shinn Forth Road, Newry
U6083	Mill Road, Hilltown
U6085	Ballykeel Road, Kilcoo

Road Number	Road Name, Location
U6300	Listooder Road, Saintfield
U6351	Spelga Park, Hilltown
U6401	Clermont Gardens, Warrenpoint
U6698	St Michael's, Ballyhornan

Completed Footway Resurfacing

TABLE 33: Footway Resurfacing completed

Total length completed
6.7 Km

TABLE 34: Footway Resurfacing locations

Road Number	Road Name
B0002	Annacloy Road, Teconnaught
F0693	Osbourne Drive, Shrigley
U5246	Calmor View, Lislea
U5500	Dungormley Estate, Newtownhamilton
U6009	Knochree, Downpatrick
U6076	Cloghanramer Road, Newry
U6138	Killowen Village, Killowen
U6200	Sunningdale Drive, Newcastle
U6200	Sunningdale Park, Newcastle
U6401	Clermont Gardens, Warrenpoint

Completed Drainage Maintenance Works

TABLE 35: Drainage completed locations

Road Number	Road Name
A0024	Belfast Road, Ballynahinch
B0134	Tullyah Road, Whitecross
B0180	Bryansford Road, Hilltown
C0285	Old Course Road, Downpatrick
C0286	Ballynoe Road, Downpatrick
C0293	Carnreagh Road, Castlewellan
C0316	Dunnaval Road, Kilkeel
C0317	Greenan Road, Newry
C0325	Lacken Road, Castlewellan
U0146	Rock's Chapel Road, Downpatrick
U0165	Rann Road, Annacloy
U5154	Carrickcloghan, Camlough
U5452	Ballynaclosa, Forkhill
U5455	Monog Road, Crossmaglen
U5649	Old Road, Camlough
U6245	Ballyveagh Beg Road, Ballymartin
U6539	Mourne Esplanade, Kilkeel
U6800	Donard View Crescent, Downpatrick

3.2 STRUCTURAL MAINTENANCE PROPOSED WORKS 2024 – 2025

Proposed Surfacing

TABLE 36: Resurfacing – Remaining Road Network planned

Total length planned
13.6 km

TABLE 37: Resurfacing – Remaining Road Network locations

Road Number	Road Name
A0002	Shore Road, Rostrevor
A0025	Church Street / Bridge Street, Downpatrick (Part-funded by DfC)
A0025	Dublin Road, Kilcoo
A0025	Rathfriland Road, Newry
A0025	Market Street, Downpatrick
A0025	Rathfriland Road Roundabout, Newry
B0134	Mountain Road, Lislea
C0278	Loughinisland Road, Loughinisland, Downpatrick
U6002	Irish Street, Downpatrick (DfC funded)
U6293	Ashgrove Road, Newry
U6600	Strangford Ferry Car Park & part of Stella Maris Street, Strangford

TABLE 38: Surface Dressing planned

Total length planned
201 km

TABLE 39: Surface Dressing locations

Road Number	Road Name
A0002	Minerstown Road, Killough
A0002	Clanmaghery Road, Ballykinler
B0180	Bryansford Road, Newcastle
C0217	Chapel Road, Meigh
C0219	Flagstaff Road, Cloghoge
C0220	Finnegans Road, Cullyhanna
C0223	Sheetrim Road, Cullyhanna
C0225	Glassdrumman Road, Cregan
C0279	Ballydyan Road, Downpatrick
C0281	St Patrick's Road, Saul
C0287	Commons Road, Ballykinler
C0287	Ford Road, Ballykinler
C0292	Ballymacarn Road, Ballynahinch
C0293	Dromara Road, Ballynahinch
C0295	Middle Road, Saintfield
C0308	Clonvarnaghan Road, Castlewellan
C0312	Slievenaman Road, Kilcoo
C0331	Edentrumley Road, Meigh
C0334	Derryleckagh Road, Newry
C0337	Corgary Road, Glen
C0337	Corliss Road, Altnamackin
C0339	Turmore Road, Sheepbridge
U0101	Edenvaddy Road, Ballynahinch
U0112	Brae Road, Ballynahinch

Road Number	Road Name
U0126	Rosemount Road, Ballynahinch
U0130	Drumgalvin Road, Spa
U0131	Dunturk Road, Spa
U0131	Cauleys Pipe Road, Drumaroad
U0135	Old Belfast Road, Ballynahinch
U0145	Cargagh Road, Annacloy
U0151	McKays Road, Castlewellan
U0151	Slievehanny Road, Castlewellan
U0153	Ballywillwill Road, Castlewellan
U0154	Ballywillwill Road II, Castlewellan
U0160	Drumbuck Road, Castlewellan
U0207	Loughmoney Road, Downpatrick
U0222	Ballymoney Road, Kilcoo
U0223	Letalian Road, Kilcoo
U0258	Bannaghan Road, Downpatrick
U0343	Cluntagh Road, Crossgar
U0367	Old Saintfield Road, Crossgar
U1131	Drumaroad Hill Road, Drumaroad
U1216	Audleystown Road, Strangford
U1217	Myra Road, Saul
U1222	Castleisland Road, Downpatrick
U1224	Lisboy Road, Downpatrick
U1224	Saul Mills Road, Castlewellan
U1225	Mearne Road, Downpatrick
U1225	Slievegrane Road, Ballyalton
U2112	Altnadue Road, Castlewellan
U2112	Altnadue Slip Road, Castlewellan
U5019	Ashtree Hill, Drumbanagher
U5055	Goragh Road, Mullaghglass

Road Number	Road Name
U5059	Drumcro Road, Kilkeel
U5088	Chapel Lane, Whitecross
U5113	Buckley's Lane, Camlough
U5122	Ballintemple Road, Newtownhamilton
U5141	Island Road, Cortamlet
U5178	Elders Road, Altnamackin
U5182	Church Rock Road, Camlough
U5183	Hall Road, Camlough
U5197	Seafin Road, Meigh
U5212	Finiskin Road, Cullyhanna
U5215	Polkone Road, Dorsey
U5216	Garveys Road, Dorsey
U5259	Murrays Lane, Creggan
U5262	Ballynalack Lane, Camlough
U5271	Clonlum Road, Meigh
U5312	Drumlougher Road, Cullyhanna
U5361	Planting Road, Silverbridge
U5366	Ballinasack Road, Mullaghbawn
U5367	Carrigans Pass Road, Forkhill
U5381	Oldtown Road, Annalong
U5382	Sheetrim Hills, Cullyhanna
U5397	Dernaroy Road, Drumintee
U5417	Cully Road, Creggan
U5649	By Flemings, Camlough
U6043	Loughorne Road, Shinn
U6070	Ballykeel Road, Cabra
U6077	Cloghanrammer Road, Newry
U6077	Wee Cloghanrammer Road, Newry
U6080	Cavan Road, Rathfriland

Road Number	Road Name
U6094	Goward Road, Hilltown
U6122	Crobane Road, Newry
U6141	Mullaghariff Road, Hilltown
U6146	Lower Knockbarragh Road, Rostrevor
U6159	Betty's Hill Road, Newry
U6161	Lower Carrogs Road, Burren
U6171	Carrick Road, Burren
U6175	Ballydesland Road, Burren
U6193	Upper Burren Road, Burren
U6206	Ballyveaghbeg Road, Kilkeel
U6222	Ballymageough Road, Kilkeel
U6223	Dougan's Road, Kilkeel
U6241	Wreck Road, Kilkeel
U6242	Leestone Road, Kilkeel
U6262	Derryoge Road, Kilkeel
U6263	Nicholsons Road, Kilkeel

TABLE 40: Roads Recovery planned

Total length planned
5.9 km

TABLE 41: Roads Recovery locations

Road Number	Road Name, Location
C0290	Magherahamlet Road, Ballynahinch
C0293	Drumcaw Road, Clough
C0331	Upper Edentrumley, Mayobridge
U0117	Teconaught Road, Loughinisland
U0120	Mountview Road, Ballynahinch
U0144	Whitefort Road, Castlewellan
U0529	Glenview Road, Saintfield
U1127	Claragh Road, Clough
U1215	Blackcauseway Road, Strangford
U4219	Ribadoo Road, Leitrim
U5007	Lesh Road, Lisummon
U5060	Scotchmill Lane, Whitecross
U5100	Priestbush Road, Whitecross
U5101	Greyhillen Road, Whitecross
U5213	Aughanduff Road, Aughanduff
U5237	Courtney Road, Lislea
U5329	Glac Road, Lislea
U5361	Murray's Road, Creggan
U5424	Lurgancullenboy, Glassdrumman
U5432	Kilnasaggart Road, Jonesborough
U6105	Hillcrest Drive, Ballynahinch
U6122	Crobane Road, Newry
U6600	Stella Maris Street, Strangford

Proposed Footway Resurfacing

TABLE 42: Footway Resurfacing planned

Total length planned
2.2 km

TABLE 43: Footway Resurfacing locations

Road Number	Road Name
A0007	Downpatrick Street, Crossgar
B0025	Mary's Street, Rostrevor
U0229	Tullybrannigan Road, Newcastle
U5057	Brae View, Whitecross
U5057	Brae View, Whitecross
U5288	O'Reilly Park, Newry
U6105	Hillcrest Drive, Ballynahinch
U6800	Bloomfield Close, Castlewellan

Proposed Drainage Works

TABLE 44: Drainage planned locations

Road Number	Road Name
B0002	Dromore Road, Ballynahinch
B0027	Moyad Road, Kilkeel
C0290	Demesne Road, Seaforde
U0205	Fofanny Road, Kilcoo
U0212	Middle Tollymore Road, Newcastle
U4165	Drin Road, Dromara
U4216	Legananny Hall Road, Leitrim
U4219	Ribadoo Road, Leitrim
U5026	Drummond Road, Crossmaglen
U5476	Annaghgad Road, Crossmaglen
U6185	Aughnagon Road, Burren

3.3 ROUTINE MAINTENANCE COMPLETED WORKS 2023 – 2024

Grass Cutting

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

TABLE 45: Grass cutting completed

Total Length cut
17905.10 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 46: Defects details

Description	Detail Total
Total priority defects recorded	27,750
Total repaired within specified timescales	18,033

Public Liability Claims

TABLE 47: Public Liability Claims details

Description	Detail Total
Total claims received	782
- vehicular damage	704
- personal injury	59
- property damage	14
Total claims settled	628
Total claims rejected	156

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 2023/24 can be accessed via the following webpage; <https://www.infrastructure-ni.gov.uk/publications/road-asset-maintenance-directorate-management-information-roads-related-claims-period-20192020>

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>

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 within the Division, 552 of which are in the Newry, Mourne and Down District Council Area. Smaller structures are managed by the local Section Office.

TABLE 48: Structures Maintenance Schemes Completed 2023/24

Structures maintenance work completed within the Newry Mourne and Down District Council during 2023/24.

Location	Scheme Description
Bells Bridge Rathfriland Road, Dromara	Parapet repairs.
Aghnicurk Road, Newtownhamilton	Invert repairs.
Drumalt Road, Finiskin, Cullyhanna	Invert repairs.
Longstone Hill, Rathfriland (2 locations)	Invert repairs and pressure grouting.
Moyadd Road, Kilkeel	Parapet repairs.
Kilkeel Road, Hilltown	Parapet repairs.
Quoile Bridge, Killyleagh Road, Downpatrick	Parapet repairs.
Cabra Bridge, Castlewellan Road, Rathfriland	Parapet repairs.
School Road, Bannfield	Parapet repairs.
Maphoner Bridge, Mullaghbane	Parapet repairs.

TABLE 49: Vehicle Restraint Systems Upgrade Completed 2023/24

Vehicle Restraint Systems (VRS) upgrades undertaken within the Newry Mourne and Down District Council during 2023/24.

Road Name, Location
Station Road, Killough
Newcastle Road, Dundrum (at Old Dundrum Road)
Newcastle Road, Seaforde (at Dunnanew Road Junction)

Road Name, Location
Ardglass Road, Downpatrick
Chapel Road, Newry
Gosford Road, Jerrettspass (at Mossbann Road Junction)
Dundalk Road, Culliville
Belfast Road, Newry
Tullagh Road, Whitecross
Ballydugan Road, Dowpatrick
Warrenpoint Dual Carriageway
Chancellors Link Road, Newry
Rathcuain, Warrenpoint

TABLE 50: Structures Maintenance Schemes Planned 2024/25

Structures maintenance work proposed within the Newry Mourne and Down District Council during 2024/25.

Location	Scheme Description
Tullyree Road, Kilcoo	Invert repairs.
Masons Bridge, Drumnaconagher Road	Cutwater repairs.
Callaghans Road, Silverbridge	Invert repairs.
Ballylough Road, Castlewellan	Invert repairs.
Dromore Street, Ballynahinch	Removal of vegetation.
Vale Road, Ballynahinch	Minor bridge repairs.

Other maintenance schemes within the Newry Mourne and Down District 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.

LANDS SECTION

The DfI 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 DfI Roads' decision.

There were no Abandonments or Stopping Orders within the Newry Mourne and Down District Council area in 2023/24.

WINTER SERVICE

TABLE 51: Winter Service - dates of operations

Description	Start date	Completion date
Official winter maintenance period 2023-2024	16 October 2023	31 March 2024
Salting Operations in this period	65	

TABLE 52: Winter Service - details of operations

Description	Details
Depot location in Newry, Mourne and Down District Council area	Newry Depot, Springhill Road, Carnbane Industrial Estate, Newry Castlenavan Depot, Newcastle Road, Seaforde
Number of gritters used during 1 gritting action	12
Number of personnel involved in gritting operation in Southern Division	135
Length of roads salted in Council area	833 km
Total volume of salt used during 2023-2024 winter season in Southern Division.	12,080 tonnes



SECTION 4 – MAJOR PROJECTS SOUTH

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MAJOR PROJECTS SOUTH

4.1 Newry Southern Relief Road

The Newry Southern Relief Road is being developed to provide a strategic link between the A1/N1 Belfast to Dublin corridor and the A2 Warrenpoint Road, bypassing Newry City Centre. The 2.98km road link, which was estimated in the range £110 - £130m, comprises of a single carriageway, widened to incorporate a climbing lane (2+1 lane) with a maximum gradient of 6%. It is one of the three infrastructure projects being taken forward by the Department within the Belfast Region City Deal, which has allocated £93.4m to the project.

A preferred route for the Newry Southern Relief Road was announced in October 2018. The preferred route links the A2 Warrenpoint Road with the A1 Ellisholding Junction, starting at a new at-grade roundabout on the A2 Warrenpoint Road, along the frontage of Greenbank Industrial Estate, and crossing the Newry River and Newry Ship Canal, just to the south of Drumalane Quarry. The route then heads in a westerly direction via a climbing lane section up Fathom Mountain traversing under Flagstaff Road to another bridge crossing of the Belfast-Dublin Railway Line before terminating at the A1 Ellisholding Junction. This grade separated junction will be redesigned to include two new slip roads to accommodate traffic travelling to / from the south.

The Minister recently reviewed the previous decision made on the form of the bridge over the Newry Ship Canal, in the absence of an Executive, under the Northern Ireland (Executive Formation etc) Act 2022 and concluded that the decision for a 50m span fixed bridge remained unchanged.

In August 2023 the Department published a prioritised list of major road schemes that will continue to be progressed, this is available at:

<https://www.infrastructure-ni.gov.uk/news/department-publishes-major-roads-prioritisation-programme>

There are several reasons why the prioritisation of projects, currently in the pipeline, was necessary, including the challenging budgetary position and constrained resources (in terms of finance and staff) and, importantly, the Department's commitments under the Climate Change (NI) Act 2022. The publication of the prioritised list of major road schemes, explains that development work on the Newry Southern Relief Road will continue to progress towards the next key decision regarding publication of draft Orders.

The current stage of the project involves developing the design of the road and preparing the draft Statutory Orders, along with an Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR).

Following publication of the draft Statutory Orders and the EIAR a formal period of consultation will take place. This consultation will provide an opportunity for anyone who wishes to express an opinion on the EIAR or to object to the making of the Orders. This is currently scheduled for Autumn 2024.

Planning for the publication of the Statutory Orders and EIAR is ongoing which will afford all stakeholders and the public an opportunity to provide their views on the proposed scheme. Additional scheme information is available at;

<https://www.infrastructure-ni.gov.uk/articles/newry-southern-relief-road-overview>



Image of the proposed Fathom Roundabout at B59 and Warrenpoint Roundabout at A2

4.2 A1 Junctions Phase 2 (A1J2)

This proposal, which is estimated to cost in the range of £100m - £110m (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 at Castlewellan Road at Banbridge, a link between the existing underpass junction at Hillsborough Road, Dromore and Milebush Road and the closing of nine minor 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 Infrastructure Minister John O'Dowd, on 2 July 2024, announced in the NI Assembly that the scheme will now proceed to the procurement stage. Work is ongoing to finalise the Business Case and complete the preparation of the contract documents. Further progression of the A1J2 scheme to formal procurement and subsequent construction will depend on the approval of the Business Case, clearing the remaining statutory procedures and funding being made available to the Department.

The contractor procurement exercise will then take between 12 - 15 months. Construction is expected to take a further three years to build the scheme.

Additional scheme information is available at:

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

4.3 A24 Ballynahinch Bypass

The proposed A24 Ballynahinch Bypass aligns to the east of the town, from a new roundabout at the junction of the A24 Belfast Road and the A21 Saintfield Road to a new roundabout located at the existing junction of the B2 Downpatrick Road and the A24 Drumaness Road. A compact grade separated junction connects the B7 Crossgar Road with the proposed bypass. The 3.1km bypass, which was estimated in the range £50m - £60m, comprises of a single 2-lane carriageway bypass with widening to provide overtaking opportunities. A 'Park & Share' facility to accommodate 27 parking bays is proposed on the northern side of the scheme. The main objectives are to improve journey times, journey time reliability and safety. The bypass would provide a route for strategic traffic that would reduce traffic congestion on Ballynahinch and enhance the town centre environment.

The Direction Order for the A24 Ballynahinch Bypass was made on 16 July 2021. The statutory processes are now largely complete however, the Vesting Order for the scheme cannot be made until funding has been secured to deliver the project. Development work has been substantially concluded, including preparation of a draft business case.

In August 2023 the Department published a prioritised list of major road schemes that will continue to be progressed and all other schemes paused and their place on a future major works programme will be informed by emerging transport plans and a decision by a future Infrastructure Minister; this is available at:

<https://www.infrastructure-ni.gov.uk/news/department-publishes-major-roads-prioritisation-programme>.

Regretfully, the A24 Ballynahinch Bypass has currently been paused.

There are several reasons why the prioritisation of projects currently in the pipeline was necessary, including the challenging budgetary position and constrained resources (in terms of finance and staff) and, importantly, the Department's commitments under the Climate Change (NI) Act 2022.

Transport policies and plans are currently being reviewed and updated to align with these commitments and this work will help define what major transport infrastructure projects should be included within any future major roads programme. Due to financial and resourcing pressures the Department can only deliver those road projects where there are identified alternative funding streams such as Flagship and City and Growth Deal projects.

Additional scheme information is available at;

<https://www.infrastructure-ni.gov.uk/articles/a24-ballynahinch-bypass-overview>



Image of Southern Junction at Drumaness Road

SECTION 5 - STRANGFORD LOUGH FERRY SERVICE

Responsibility for the Strangford Ferry no longer falls under the remit of DfI Roads Southern Division, responsibility has transferred to the Department's Public Transport Operations Division.

General Level of Service

In general, the ferry service has operated smoothly throughout the period April 2023 to March 2024. Of a total of 21,472 scheduled sailings, 108 were cancelled due to fog, 32 sailings were cancelled due to staff unavailability, 550 sailings were cancelled due to Industrial Action and 158 sailings were lost as a result of mechanical and technical issues. This represented an overall reliability of 96.69% for the year.

Strangford and Portaferry Harbours

The marshalling system in Strangford continued to operate at weekends and on busy holidays from April to mid-September. This alleviated most of the congestion from the remainder of the village.



SECTION 6 - ENGAGING WITH DFI ROADS

Dealing with Correspondence / Public Interface

Due to continued resourcing challenges the Department's current approach in dealing with queries is set out below to maintain a level of service.

One area of significant workload is dealing with correspondence. The Department, and in particular DfI Roads, receives a large volume of correspondence from the public and public representatives throughout the year. To give a sense of scale, Southern Division has in recent years received more than 40,000 items of correspondence in one year. Indeed, the level of correspondence has been increasing in recent years at a time when resources have been reducing which is adversely impacting on our ability to deliver key services and public safety responsibilities. Therefore, 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 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

Newry, Mourne and Down District 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-roads-and-streets>

Maintenance – We have two section offices covering the district, one in Newry & Mourne and one in Down.

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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**