

Actions and Update Arising from the previous meeting held on 14th March, 2018

Minute No. 116 - Revised "Rotherham MBC Code of Practice for Highway Inspection and Assessment"

Street Lighting:-

- Page 29 referred to street lighting routine inspections and clarification was sought if there were any legal timeframes.

The only legal timescales are to electrically test highway electrical installations at least every 6 years under BS7671 (Guidance to the IEE wiring regulations). These inspections are recorded on the Deadsure street lighting asset database which also prompts the next routine electrical test.

With regard to visual / structural inspections there is no legal timeframes for these to be carried out but they are inspected at each reactive maintenance visit and in addition a detailed structural inspection is carried out every 10 years. These are recorded in the Deadsure street lighting asset database which also prompts inspections.

- Street signage and the legal requirement for illuminated signs.

A review of the Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions has introduced a new default lighting requirement that only requires all upright signs (signs on poles and columns) to be reflectorised. There are still a selection of specific signs that in most cases must be externally illuminated which are:-

- Warning and regulatory signs at level crossings
- Headroom restrictions at low bridges/structures
- Stop and advance notification of a give way
- Speed limit terminal signs (only on principal or trunk roads)
- Regulatory terminal signs, vehicle restrictions and banned manoeuvres
- Motorway entry/exit and gantry signs

Structures:-

- Page 20 referred to highway structures being inspected every two years and in principle between 6-12 years and questioned whether this should say months.

Confirmed for bridges with a general inspection every two years. The principal inspection would be every six to twelve years.

Bridges carrying a highway (i.e. most) would also have a highway inspection through the normal highway regime.