

# **Executive Briefing: Highways Investment Programme July 2019**



# Introduction

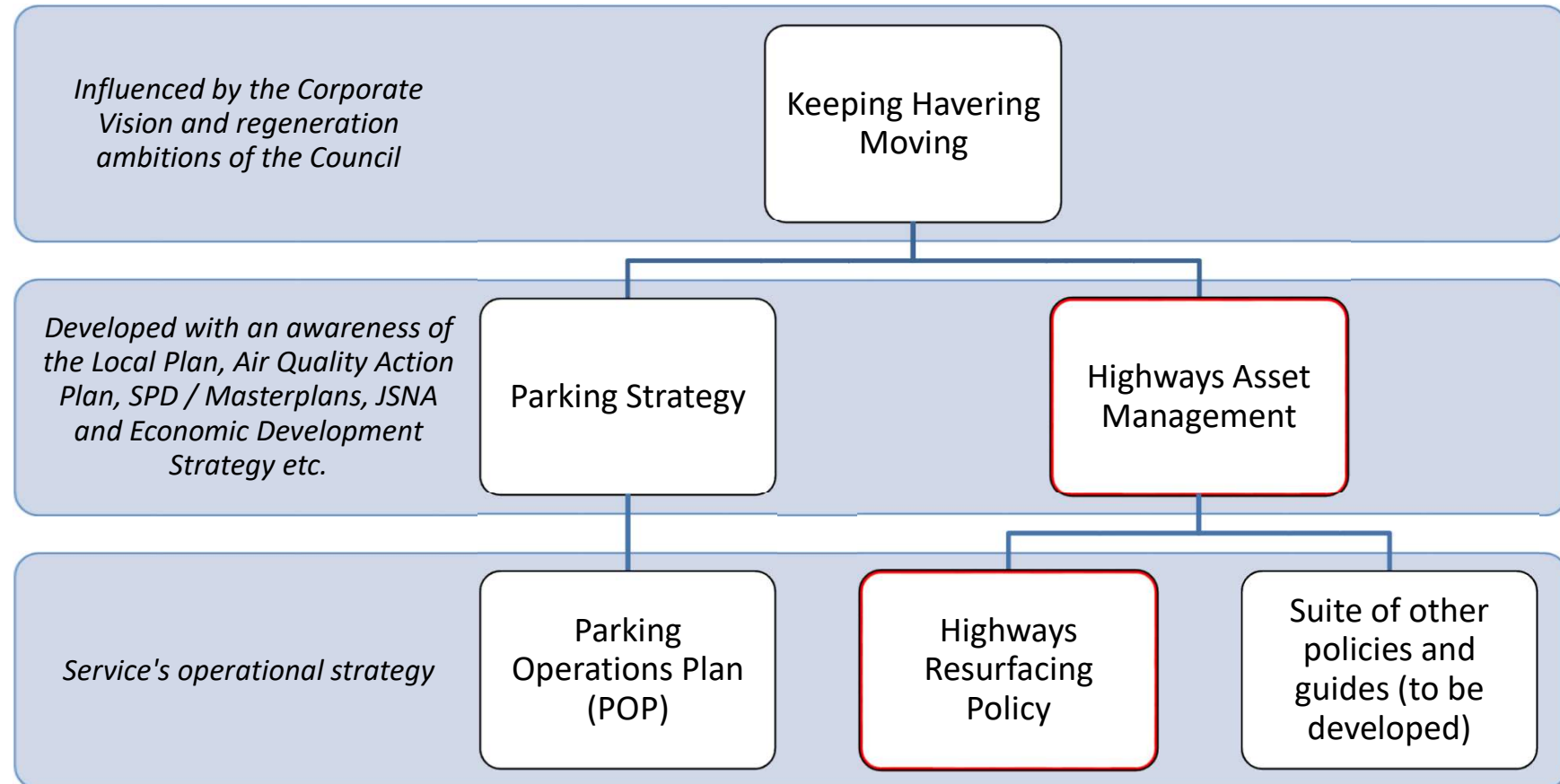
- The Highways Investment Programme is Havering's aspiration to deliver one of the biggest investments to local roads and pavements in London.
- This follows the £3.2m already invested in 2018/2019.
- The £40m investment comes in response to residents' concerns around increased congestion, as well as demands to upgrade roads and fix potholes.

# Background

**The Executive Briefing delivered in July 2018 highlighted the following context and challenges of a Highways Programme**

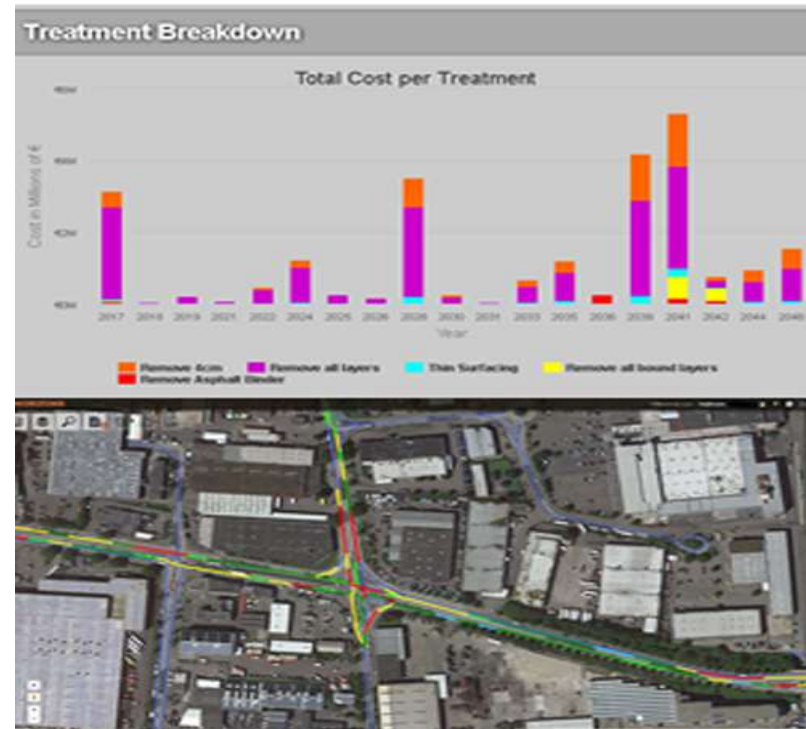
- **The Council has a statutory duty to maintain its public highway**
- **Havering has second longest highway network in London**
  - 740km of carriageway (460 miles)
  - 1,070km of footway (665 miles)
- **Favourable highways contract in place with Marlborough Surfacing**
  - Jointly procured with Barking & Dagenham
  - Contract commenced April 2017
  - Costs c. 30% less on schedule of rates than previous contract
- **One-off resurfacing costs at current contract rates for the entire network.**
  - Carriageways (roads) - £100 million
  - Footways - £160 million
- **TfL has 'paused' funding of trunk road resurfacing**
  - Traditionally c.£450k per year
  - Not related to LIP (can't generally spend LIP monies on resurfacing)

# Wider Context

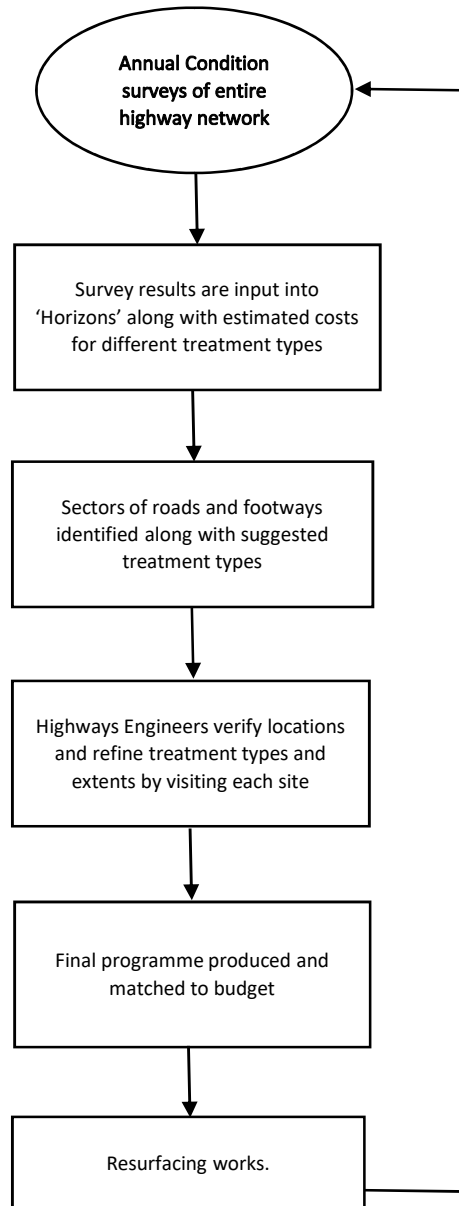


# Prioritisation

- There was a need for a more technical and overtly objective approach to prioritising spend
- Havering's Highways Resurfacing Policy provides the strategy that allows the Council to focus on replacing the road and pavements on a worst first basis.
- Horizons was identified as the tool most appropriate to delivering that strategy
- Horizons is a software mapping tool that helps identify where best to spend available money with prescribed treatment types
- Input factors include:
  - Surveyed condition of the surface
  - Complaints received
  - Proximity to schools
  - Proximity to Doctors offices
  - Safety defects repaired
- Weighting of inputs can be amended, for instance
  - Complaints more important than schools, etc.



# Summary of Policy Approach



# Programme 2019-2020

- Work on the resurfacing programme commenced in May 2019
- 53 carriageways and 96 footways/footpaths identified for the 2019-2020 programme
- £10.8m budget for the financial year
- 20 carriageways resurfaced so far
- 7 footways resurfaced and 11 currently in progress

## **Total miles resurfaced/improved**

	2018-2019	2019-2020*
Carriageway	8.3 miles	5.8 miles
Footways	4.7 miles	4.9 miles

\*as of 16/07/19



# Before and After: Carriageway



**Harwood Avenue, Squirrels Heath**

# Before and After: Carriageway



**The Approach, Upminster**



# Before and After: Carriageway



**Bird Lane, Cranham**

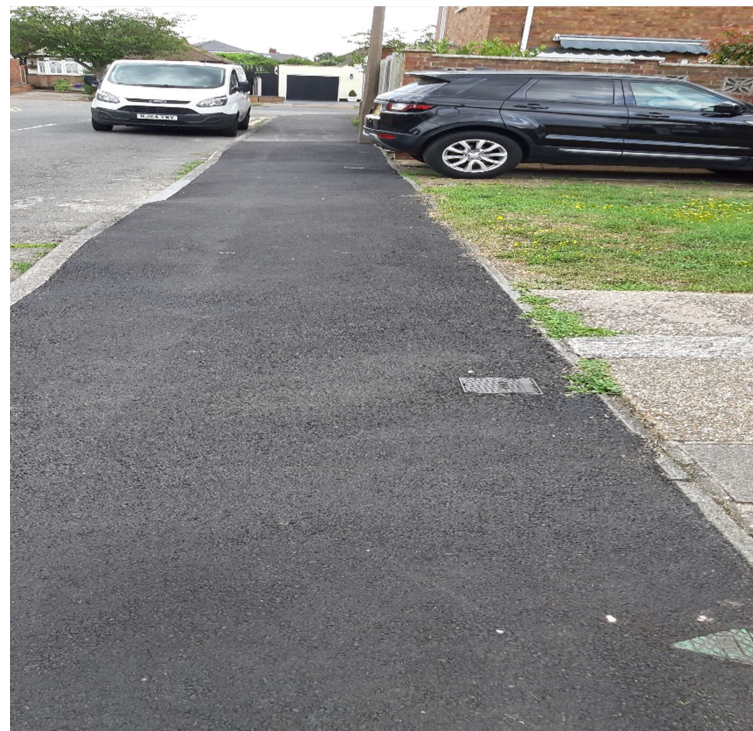
# Before and After: Footway



**Macdonald Way, Squirrels Heath**



# Before and After: Footway



**Murfitt Way, Upminster**

# **Programme 2020-2023**

- Year 2020-23 already generated from Horizon
- Engineers due to commence site validation for the 2020-21 shortly
- Final 2020-21 list expected in December 2019
- The list of roads for the remainder of the programme (2021-2023) has been generated but validation will not commence until 2020.

# Whole Street Approach

- The level of capital spend on the programme provides an opportunity to consider all material aspects of the streetscape in the roads where improvements are being considered.
- This is proposed to include but not limited to the following:



**Dropped kerbs:** residents will be given the opportunity have dropped kerbs installed outside their properties at a discounted rate.



**Street Trees:** ensure existing trees are in good condition. Consideration will be given to new trees where opportunity exists.



**Sign posts:** old sign posts will be replaced as part of the Whole Street Approach.



**Street Lighting:** a review street lighting is currently underway with the view to replaces obsolete and faulty lamp columns.

# Communication

As an integral element of the works, a Highways Investment Programme Communications and Strategy Plan has being developed.

This will include a combination of media channel messaging like:

- Proactive promotion of works programme on the Council's website and social media platforms
- Photo opportunities during works
- Survey of residents perception on completion of works
- Frequently Asked Questions on the Council's website to deal with generic questions relating to highways improvement work.



# Finally...

- It is expected that the 2019-2020 programme will be delivered on time and to budget

and

- Any adverse impact on traffic and the general public has been kept to a minimum