

Surrey County Council Highway Safety Inspection Policy

Identification of defect severity

Carriageway inspections

Table 1: This table shows the type of carriageway inspections which are carried out with the description of defect and it's priority

Type	Description	Priority
Pothole As a general rule, the diameter, at the surface level, should be >75mm on cycle lanes and >150mm on carriageways	Cycle lanes > 25mm in marked cycle lanes and at recognised crossing points (normally in town centre situations)	P2
Pothole As a general rule, the diameter, at the surface level, should be >75mm on cycle lanes and >150mm on carriageways	All other locations > 40mm at all other locations	P2
Pothole As a general rule, the diameter, at the surface level, should be >75mm on cycle lanes and >150mm on carriageways	Cycle lanes Approaching 25mm, with likelihood of worsening in short term. Advanced local crazing likely to pothole	P3
Pothole As a general rule, the diameter, at the surface level, should be >75mm on cycle lanes and >150mm on carriageways	All other locations Approaching 40mm, with likelihood of worsening in short	

Response categories

Table 4: This table shows the types of response categories and a description showing the timescale for repair.

Response Category	Description
P2 (Safety Priority 2)	Correct/repair or make safe within 5 working days. If it is not possible to permanently correct/repair defect within 5 working days, a permanent repair should be carried out within 20 working days, where appropriate, i.e. unless maintenance/improvement works are planned within a timescale not exceeding 6 months. This timescale should be appropriate to the defect type, location road/footway classification and usage.
P3 (Safety Priority 3)	A permanent repair should be carried out within 20 working days where appropriate, i.e. unless maintenance/improvement works are planned within a timescale not exceeding 6 months. This timescale should be appropriate to the defect type, location road/footway classification and usage.