

Carriageway

Category	Hierarchy Description	Type of Road		Detailed Description	Frequency of Inspection
		General Description			
1	Strategic Route	Principal A routes between primary destinations.		Routes for fast moving long distance traffic with little frontage access or pedestrian traffic. Speed limits are usually in excess of 40mph and there are few junctions. Normally two lane with no footway	Monthly (within a 3 to 6 week window but 12 /year)
2	Main Distributor	Major Urban Network and Inter-Primary Links. Short - medium distance traffic.		Routes between Strategic Routes and linking urban centres to the strategic network with limited frontage access. In urban areas speed limits are usually 40mph or less, parking is restricted at peak times and there are positive measures for pedestrian safety.	Monthly (within a 3 to 6 week window but 12 /year)
3	Secondary Distributor	Classified roads (B and C class) and unclassified urban bus routes carrying local traffic with frontage access and frequent junctions.		In rural areas these roads link the larger villages and HGV generators to the Strategic and main Distributor Network. In built up areas these roads have 30mph speed limits and very high levels of pedestrian activity with some crossing facilities including zebra crossings. On street parking is generally unrestricted except for safety reasons.	3 monthly (within a 2 to 4 month window but 4/year)
4	Link Road	Routes linking between the Main and Secondary Distributor network with frontage access and frequent junctions.		In rural areas these roads link the smaller villages to the distributor roads. They are of varying width and not always capable of carrying two way traffic. In urban areas they are residential or industrial inter-connecting roads with 30mph speed limits, random pedestrian movements and uncontrolled parking.	RURAL - 6 monthly (within a 5 to 7 month window) URBAN - Annual (within a 11 to 13 month window)
5	Local Access Roads	Roads serving limited numbers of properties carrying only access traffic.		In rural areas these roads serve small settlements and provide access to individual properties and land. They are often only single lane width and unsuitable for HGV. In Urban areas they are often residential loop roads or cul de sacs.	RURAL - 6 monthly (within a 5 to 7 month window) URBAN - Annual (within a 11 to 13 month window)

Footway

Category	Hierarchy Description		Detailed Description	Frequency of Inspection
1a	Prestige walking zone		Prestige areas in towns and cities with exceptionally high usage	Fortnightly
1	Primary Walking Routes		Medium to high usage routes through urban shopping areas. Routes to main schools, routes to hospitals and access to main transport links.	Monthly
2	Secondary Walking Routes		Medium usage routes through local areas feeding into primary routes, local shopping centres, large schools and industrial centres.	3 Monthly
3	Link and Local Access Footways and Cycleways		Linking local access footways through urban areas, busy rural footways and footways associated with low usage.	Annual