

# Roadmap to a better network


our plan to keep Staffordshire moving

## Why we need a new plan

Staffordshire's roads, bridges and footpaths are in a difficult state of repair. Despite over **£1.1 billion spent since 2009**, the condition of our highways has continued to decline.

There's a backlog of **31,000** repairs waiting to be done 

At current funding levels, it would take **181** years to fix all our roads 

Some bridges, like **Chetwynd and Branston**, already have issues 

The total cost to fix everything is around **£1.2 billion**

We've created a new plan to stop the decline and start making real improvements.

## The new plan

We're changing how we work – from short-term patching to long-term fixes.  
**Our plan focuses on three big goals:**

### Fix our roads

complete more bigger  
and better repairs,  
meaning fewer  
repeat visits

### Save our bridges and structures

before they fail

### Get on top of repairs

reduce the growing  
list of overdue jobs

## What's changing?

We're doing things differently to get better results:



### Whole-road repairs

We want to coordinate different repairs in a better way, so we fix the whole road in one go, saving time, money and disruption.



### Local repair teams

We want to empower local teams who know the area to respond faster to urgent issues.



### Better planning

We want to coordinate with utility companies (like gas and water) so works are completed quickly and roads aren't dug up again right after we've fixed them.



### Smarter spending

We want to cut overheads and put more of the budget into actual repairs, aiming for 75% of funding to go directly into fixing things.



### Campaigning for fairer funding

We're asking government for long-term investment and better rules to help us manage roadworks more effectively.

## What this means for residents



**More transparency**  
about what's  
happening and why



**A stronger voice**  
for Staffordshire in  
national decisions



**Better quality**  
repairs that  
last longer



**Less disruption**  
from repeat  
roadworks

