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say...

**...to identify priority roads  
during extreme weather  
events in Central  
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# Priority roads during extreme weather events

## 1. Overview

In 2014, the Department for Transport (DfT) undertook a review of the how well the UK transport network copes in extreme weather events (the 'resilience'). This followed a period of extreme weather in 2013/14, which saw high winds and heavy rainfall. A number of recommendations were made as a result, including that local highway authorities "identify a 'resilient network' to which they will give priority" when extreme weather events occur.

As the highway authority, this council is responsible for the construction and maintenance of non-trunk roads, cycle ways, street lighting, bridges and structures and other highway assets. We want those to cope with any extreme weather and climate change.

A 'Resilient Highways Network' identifies the particular roads that would be given priority during adverse events, such as extreme weather. When extreme weather occurs (floods, storms, ice, snow etc), the main concern for the council will be to keep these roads open in order to maintain economic activity to town centres, industrial estates and business parks, and access to key services such as schools, railway stations, key food shops, petrol stations, hospitals, police, fire services etc.

This network would in the main be those roads that receive salting between October and April. These routes are chosen as they have the highest volumes of traffic and the greatest risk of accidents occurring. The roads within that network would be reviewed after an emergency event, or every two years if no events occur.

## 2. Why have a resilient highways network

The effects of climate change mean that extreme weather events are expected to become more frequent. Our climate in the UK is projected to change, bringing increasingly extreme weather, including heavier rain, more flooding and heat waves. Whatever we do now to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, some of these future changes to our weather will be unavoidable due to our earlier emissions. We need to prepare for this increased level of extreme weather events.

Local authorities can have an important role in helping communities prepare for climate change. Many road improvements require long-term planning, making it even more important for local authorities to start planning now for future climate change. There is government funding that we can access to help make these preparations.

In order to maintain funding from the government's Department for Transport 'Incentive Fund', local highway authorities need to complete an annual self-assessment questionnaire, including 'Resilience'. In order to be considered a top-level highway authority and retain our government funding, Central Bedfordshire must show that we have a 'Resilient Highways Network' in place which is reviewed at least every two years.

Funding for the council would allow us to help minimise the affect of adverse events by prioritising faster repairs after an incident and also ongoing road maintenance. This would reduce the impact of any bad weather, and allow residents, businesses and emergency services to get back to normal as quick as possible.

Central Bedfordshire Council has developed a project plan so that its funding bid for 2018/19 (to be submitted in February 2018) will indicate that Central Bedfordshire Council is classed as a top-level highway authority.

### **3. What we are consulting on**

A 'Resilient Network' of prioritised roads has been developed with input from the Emergency Planning Team and stakeholders from the Bedfordshire Local Resilience Forum, which includes the local emergency services, local authorities, the NHS, the Environment Agency and others who are all required to respond to any major emergency in Central Bedfordshire.

The council is seeking the public's views on the planned routes that the council (and its emergency services partners) have identified as a priority in the event of extreme weather. We also welcome the views of local town and parish councils; the local business community; and statutory consultees to this consultation.

After feedback via the consultation, the proposed 'Resilient Highways Network' of prioritised roads will then be taken to the Eastern Highways Alliance Benchmarking Group for a peer review by adjacent highway authorities.

Please see Appendix A and our map for further details on our proposed priority roads.

### **4. How to have your say**

The consultation is open from 7 August 2017 until 30 October 2017.

You can have your say by answering a questionnaire on our website at [www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/consultations](http://www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/consultations) or you can pick up a paper copy from your local library

The results of the consultation will be reported back to the Bedfordshire Local Resilient Forum. A final version of the resilient highways network will be presented to the Council's Executive Committee in December for adoption.

## Appendix A

### Draft Resilient Highways Network – August 2017

[Items in bold are the high priority routes for Central Bedfordshire during winter maintenance.]

Area[s]	Parish[es]	Classification	Description
North and South	Haynes, Clophill, Silsoe and Barton	A6	Bedford Borough boundary in Haynes south to Luton Borough boundary in Streatley
North and South	Flitwick and Toddington	A5120	A507 in Ampthill to Houghton Regis centre
North and South	Harlington and Barton	A600	A5120 to B655
North and East	Haynes and Shefford	A600	Bedford Borough boundary in Haynes south to A507 in Shefford
West and South	Leighton Buzzard and Dunstable	A505	A418 east to A5183 [former A5]
West, North and East	Ampthill, Maulden, Shefford, Arlesey and Stotfold	A507	A421 and M1 junction east to A1
East	Arlesey		A507 to House Lane
East	Arlesey		Church Lane to Stotfold Road
East	Arlesey		Stotfold Road
East	Biggleswade	B658	A600 east to A1 [Hill Lane, Upper Caldecote]
East	Biggleswade	B659	RAF Henlow in Stondon to A1
East	Biggleswade and Sandy		A6001 west to B1042
East	Biggleswade		Dells Lane, Holme Court Avenue, Sun Street, Crabb Lane
East	Biggleswade		Saxon Drive and Baden Powell Way
East	Biggleswade and Potton	B1040	A6001 north to Cambs county boundary at Gamlingay
East	Clifton		New Rd
East	Eyeworth		Eyeworth north west to Sutton Crossroads
East	Langford		Edworth Road
East	Meppershall		Stondon Road south to Lower Stondon
East	Meppershall		Campton Road
East	Meppershall		Chapel Lane to Stondon Rd
East	Meppershall		Fildyke Road
East	Moggerhanger		From A603 east to Upper Caldecote
East	Northill		Ickwell centre
East	Northill		Thorncote Road to Hatch
East	Old Warden		Cardington boundary south to Old Warden
East	Old Warden		Old Warden village south to Southill Park
East	Old Warden		Bedford Road
East	Potton		Tempsford east to Myers Road
East	Potton		Everton
East	Potton		Myers Road
East	Potton		Hatley Road to Wrestlingworth
East	Potton		Cathagena Road
East	Potton and Sandy	B1042	Sandy southeast via Potton and Wrestlingworth to Cambs boundary
East	Sandy	A603	Bedford Borough boundary in Moggerhanger east to A1 at Sandy roundabout
East	Sandy		Girtford A1 underpass to St Neots Road
East	Sandy		B658 in Upper Caldecote to A603
East	Sandy		Sandy to Everton
East	Sandy		Link of A1 in Beeston to A603

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East	Sandy		New Road
East	Sandy		Sunderland Road
East	Shefford		Link from A507 to Shefford
East	Shefford		Hitchin and Clifton Roads to A507
East	Shillington		Pegsdon north to A600 at Stondon
East	Shillington		Aspley End
East	Southill		Southill Road to A6001 [Gypsy Lane - Broom]
East	Southill		Southill High Street east to B658
East	Southill		Southill village to Southill Park
East	Southill		Stanford south east to A6001 in Henlow
East	Stondon	A600	A507 at Airman Public House south to Herts county boundary in Lower Stondon
East	Stotfold		Astwick Road
East	Stotfold		Regent Street
East	Stotfold		Rooktree Lane and Queen Street
East	Wrestlingworth		Wrestlingworth south west to A1 [Cambridge and Biggleswade Roads]
North	Amphill and Houghton Conquest	B530	Bedford Borough boundary south to A507 in Amphill [Woburn Road]
North	Cranfield and Millbrook		Jubilee Cottages to A507
North	Gravenhurst and Campton		Upper Gravenhurst to Campton
North	Haynes and Clophill		Great Lane to Church End
North	Amphill		Oliver Street and Abbey Lane
North	Aspley Guise		Aspley Hill
North	Clophill		The Causeway
North	Cranfield		Technology Park link road
North	Flitton		Flitton Hill
North	Flitwick		Froghall Road
North	Flitwick		Flitwick to Silsoe via Flitton and Greenfield
North	Flitwick		Flitwick Road
North	Flitwick		Station Road
North	Gravenhurst		Clophill Road
North	Harlington		Westoning Road
North	Harlington		Harlington to Sundon
North	Harlington		Goswell End Road
North	Haynes		Silver End Road
North	Haynes		Church End Road
North	Haynes		Northwood End Road
North	Haynes		Plummers Lane to Northwood End Road
North	Houghton Conquest		How End Rd
North	Houghton Conquest		London Lane
North	Houghton Conquest		Bedford Road
North	Houghton Conquest		Chapel End Road
North	Husborne Crawley		Mill Road
North	Lidlington		High Street and Bury Ware south
North	Marston		Marston village
North	Maulden		George Street
North	Millbrook		Millbrook Road
North	Millbrook		Fordfield Road
North	Shillington		Hillfoot Road
North	Shillington		Bury Road
North	Silsoe		High Street and Amphill Road
North	Silsoe		Warren Lane linking A507 to A6
North	Steppingley		Flitwick Road
North	Westoning		Church Road



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South	Barton le Clay	B655	Bedford and Luton Roads
South	Barton le clay		Higham Road to Apsley End
South	Barton		Manor Road
South	Caddington		Mancroft Road including Little Green Lane
South	Caddington		Chaul End Lane
South	Chalton	B579	Luton Road in Fancott and Chalton
South	Dunstable	A5183	Former A5 through Dunstable south to Herts county boundary
South	Dunstable	B489	Tring Road
South	Dunstable	B4541	Dunstable to Whipsnade crossroads via Dunstable Downs
South	Dunstable		Bedford, Beech, Blackburn and Boscombe Roads
South	Dunstable		Bowland Crescent, Brewers Hill Road, Brittain Street, Bull Pond Lane
South	Dunstable		Canesworde Road, Chiltern Road, Church Street, Court Drive
South	Dunstable		Drovers Way, Eyncourt Road, Great Northern Road
South	Dunstable		Lowther Road, Luton Road, Maidenbower Avenue [Loring to Chiltern]
South	Dunstable		Mayfield Road, Meadway, Mountview Avenue, Northfields
South	Dunstable		Tring Road, Vernon Place, Weatherby, West Street
South	Dunstable		Westfield Road [Drovers Way to Ashcroft], Whipsnade Road
South	Dunstable		Wilbury Drive, Windsor Drive and Worthington Road
South	Dunstable		Luton – Dunstable Guided Busway; concrete surfaced length and slip roads
South	Dunstable and Houghton Regis		Ashcroft – Westfield Road to Loring Road
South	Dunstable and Houghton Regis		Hillborough Crescent, Hillcroft, Hilton Avenue, Houghton Regis High Street
South	Dunstable and Houghton Regis		Houghton Road, Humphreys Road, Icknield Street, Jardine Way
South	Dunstable and Houghton Regis		Kingsway, Kirby Road, Langdale Road, Loring Road, Lovett Way
South	Dunstable and Houghton Regis		Oakwood Avenue, Oldhill, Park Road North, Parkside Drive
South	Dunstable and Houghton Regis		Porz Avenue, Poynters Road, Priory Road, Queensway
South	Dunstable and Houghton Regis		Queensway Hall, Ridgeway Avenue, Sandringham Avenue
South	Eaton Bray		Moor End and High Street in Eaton Bray
South	Eaton Bray		Northall Road; High Street to Bucks county boundary
South	Eaton Bray		Eaton Bray Road
South	Eaton Bray		The Rye
South	Eaton Bray		Church End to Bower Lane
South	Eaton Bray	B4506	Dunstable Road
South	Houghton Regis		Station, Sundon, Thorn and Tithe Farm Roads
South	Houghton Regis		Townsend Road [Houghton to Blackburn Road]
South	Houghton Regis	A5505	Woodside Link road
South	Hyde	B653	Lower Luton Road

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South	Hyde		West Hyde Road, Chiltern Green Road and Dane Street
South	Hyde		Thrales End Road
South	Kensworth and Whipsnade	B4540	From A5 east through Kensworth to Whipsnade
South	Kensworth		Clay Hill Road
South	Pulloxhill		Barton and Greenfield Road
South	Slip End		Grove Road
South	Slip End		Front Street and Half Moon Lane
South	Slip End		Woodside Road
South	Streatley		Moleskin Hill
South	Sundon		Streatley Road
South	Studham		Studham village – Church, Valley and Common Roads
South	Studham		Buckwood Lane to Buckwood Road
South	Studham		Byslips Road
South	Studham		Dunstable Road
South	Totternhoe		Stanbridge, Castle Hill and Dunstable Roads
West	Aspley Guise		Horsepool and Woburn Lanes and Woodside
West	Aspley Heath		Church Road
West	Eggington		Eggington village
West	Eversholt		Lower Berry End
West	Eversholt		Tyrells End and Brook End
West	Heath and Reach		Miletree Road and Eastern Way
West	Heath and Reach		Brickhill Road
West	Leighton Buzzard	A418	Wing Road, A505 roundabout to Bucks county boundary
West	Leighton Buzzard	A4012	A507 west to Leighton Buzzard
West	Leighton Buzzard	A4146	Leighton bypass to River Ouzel bridge at Herts boundary
West	Leighton Buzzard		Billington and Stanbridge Roads
West	Leighton Buzzard		Appenine Way, Bassett Road, Bideford Green
West	Leighton Buzzard		Billington Road, Brooklands Drive, Bunkers Lane
West	Leighton Buzzard		Cedars Way, Church Street, Clarence Road, Cotefield Drive
West	Leighton Buzzard		Derwent Road, Grovebury Road, Heath Road, Himley Green
West	Leighton Buzzard		Hockliffe Road, Hockliffe Street, King Street, Knaves Hill, Lake Street
West	Leighton Buzzard		Leighton Road, Leston Road, Meadway, Mentmore Road, North Street
West	Leighton Buzzard		Old Linslade Road, Old Road, Plantation Road, Queen Street
West	Leighton Buzzard		Shenley Hill Road, Soulbury Road, South Street, Southcourt Avenue
West	Leighton Buzzard		Southcourt Road, Springfield Road, St Marys Way
West	Leighton Buzzard		Stanbridge Road, Stoke Road, Vandyke Road, West Street and Wing Road
West	Lidlington		Church St north to A421
West	Milton Bryan		A4012 to A5120 via Milton Bryan village
West	Ridgmont		Eversholt Road
West	Stanbridge		Peddars Lane and Mill Road
West	Studham	A4146	B4506 junction south east to Pedley Hill

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<b>West</b>	<b>Toddington</b>		<b>Hockliffe Road to Leighton Road</b>
West	Toddington		Manor Road
West	Toddington		Long Lane
<b>West</b>	<b>Woburn</b>	<b>A5130</b>	<b>Woburn Sands to A4012</b>
West	Woburn		Sheep Lane to London Road





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