



North Tyneside Council

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Request:

Middlesbrough Council has announced a pothole repair programme for every ward in the town. There will be a 20-week programme whereby the council will do a full audit of every pothole in the town and then fix as many as it can in a single 20-week programme.

I suggest North Tyneside could learn from Middlesbrough's example. A similar scheme here is long over as potholes are a menace throughout the borough. Does our council have similar plans and, if not, why not?

Response:

North Tyneside Council has no plans to adopt this approach. Our highway maintenance policies are shown in our Highway Asset Management Plan which can be viewed at <https://my.northtyneside.gov.uk/category/760/highway-asset-management>. Our policies are centred around undertaking preventative maintenance to stop potholes forming rather than react to them as they appear. This is a much more cost-effective approach. Using these policies, we have been able to keep the backlog of repairs under control. There will however always be potholes on the road network to some extent and we deal with these on a reactive basis when they are identified by routine inspections and reports from the public.

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