



Report to

**NEWRY, MOURNE AND DOWN
DISTRICT COUNCIL**

Annual Report 2021/22

A2 Warrenpoint Dual - Resurfacing

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Foreword

I have pleasure in submitting the Roads 2021 Spring Report on the work of Department for Infrastructure (DfI) Roads across the Newry Mourne & Down District Council area.

This report deals with works completed across the Council area during the year 2020/21 and sets out our initial proposals for schemes to be undertaken in the year 2021/22. The opportunity is also taken to provide an update on the development of strategic roads schemes in the Newry Mourne & Down District Council area.

The past year was unprecedented owing to the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic and thankfully our contractors have developed new working practices to enable much needed road maintenance and improvement work to proceed. The impact of Covid has been mitigated as far as possible and productivity has been such that most of our 2020/21 programme was successfully delivered despite the absence of work over the first part of the year.

Since 2013 the Department for Infrastructure's baseline Resource budget has been insufficient to meet its needs and we have relied on in year funding to deliver core services including public transport and winter gritting. This continues to be the case for the 2021/22 year.

This year's structural maintenance capital allocation was to be substantially increased from a typical opening allocation of around £75m to £120m of which £17m has been set aside for the 'Road Recovery Fund'. This level of investment would have been a significant move towards the £143 million required annually to maintain the road network in a reasonable condition.

Such an increase was a welcome development that would have translated into tangible action and gone some way towards addressing the backlog of structural maintenance work on our road network. As you will appreciate the Department's ability to spend a significantly increased capital allocation is dependent on having sufficient contracting resource to hand to deliver the work. However, as a result of legal challenges to the award of the asphalt resurfacing contract for Newry, Mourne and Down, the Roads and Rivers Centre of Procurement Expertise came to a decision to discontinue the competition on 4 June 2021.

I would like to assure you, however, that officials are developing a new interim procurement strategy for resurfacing contracts going forward and it is hoped that new tender competitions can be released to the market in autumn 2021. The Department is also currently exploring alternative ways to deliver much needed resurfacing works in the area.

The consequence will be a delay in resurfacing programmes in the area, however, as work on the mitigation measures is currently in progress, it is not yet possible to quantify the total

amount of investment that will be affected in 2021/22. This is disappointing for the Department and for all road users given that badly needed capital investment will be delayed.

Good progress has been made on a number of strategic roads infrastructure projects in the Council area, with the Newry Southern Relief Road working towards statutory procedures. Following the Minister's announcement on 19 April 2021, the Direction Order for Ballynahinch Bypass has now been made.

Capital funding also influences our Active Travel and Local Transport and Safety Measures programmes which in any year are based on available budgets. In 2021/22 significant additional funding is being made available for active travel schemes that will encourage walking, wheeling and cycling as well as safer routes to schools and this will hopefully allow the introduction of a further tranche of part time 20mph speed limits at schools in the Council area.

The opening allocation for routine maintenance (Resource funding) is also similar to that for 2020/21 and I am pleased to report that the Minister has allocated sufficient funding to allow a full street lighting repair service for the entire year. While the operation of a limited service continues the funding that is available allows the Department to repair defects greater than 50mm on all roads including low trafficked rural roads and undertake two cuts of grass on roadside verges between April and October.

Our Request / Enquiry forms can be used to raise local issues with the Department, or deal with matters that are not directly related to my report. I would encourage Councillors to avail of the online fault reporting system on NI Direct. My operational staff are of course also available to assist with queries.

I hope that you find this report informative. The Department values constructive comment on all its activities and I, along with Section Engineers Ian Campbell and Stephen Duffy, look forward to meeting the Council.

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Southern Division - Senior Management Structure



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DfI Roads wishes to build upon the good working relationships it has with Council Members and Officers. The Senior Management Team is listed below, however day to day matters should be raised with the relevant Senior Engineers whose details are listed at the start of each section.



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About Southern Division

Southern Division is one of four Client Divisions within DfI Roads. It spans the local Council areas of Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon; Newry Mourne and Down; and Ards and North Down Council Areas (see map below).



In Southern Division we are responsible for approximately 8000km of public road together with 1275 bridges, 120 signalised junctions, and 173 stand alone signalised pedestrian controlled crossings, 82,000 streetlights and over 1000 illuminated signs and bollards. We carry out functions under the headings:-

- **Strategic Road Improvements** – Major capital projects (>£1.5M) on Key Transport Links.
- **Network Maintenance** – Maintenance of the existing network. Maintenance activities include Resurfacing, Surface Dressing and drainage works as well as grass cutting, gully emptying, patching, embankment / verge maintenance, fencing and provision of the Winter Service.
- **Network Development** - Improvements to the existing network to improve safety and traffic progression including Minor Works and Local Transport & Safety Measures.
- **Network Planning** - Regulation of additions to the network proposed by developers.

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STRATEGIC ROAD IMPROVEMENT SCHEMES

1.1 A24 Ballynahinch Bypass

On 19 April 2021 Minister Mallon announced her intention to make the Direction Order for the A24 Ballynahinch Bypass and following agreement from the Committee for Infrastructure, the Direction Order for the scheme was made and came into effect on 16 July 2021.

The proposed A24 Ballynahinch Bypass aligns to the east of the town, from a new roundabout at the junction of the A24 Belfast Road and the A21 Saintfield Road to a new roundabout located at the existing junction of the B2 Downpatrick Road and the A24 Drumaness Road. A compact grade separated junction connects the B7 Crossgar Road with the proposed bypass. The 3.1km bypass, which is estimated to cost in the range £40 - £50million, comprises of a single 2-lane carriageway bypass with widening to provide overtaking opportunities for traffic exiting the new northern roundabout travelling south, and southern roundabout for traffic travelling north. A shared footway / cycleway extending between the terminal roundabouts is included within the proposed Bypass scheme. A 'Park & Share' facility to accommodate 27 parking bays (including 3no. disabled bays) is to be constructed on the northern side of the proposed Saintfield Road Roundabout between the A24 Belfast Road and A21 Saintfield Road.

The main objectives of the scheme are to improve journey times, journey time reliability and safety on the A24 Belfast to Newcastle Trunk road. The proposed bypass would provide an alternative route for strategic traffic that avoids Ballynahinch town centre and, by improving traffic conditions in the town centre and in line with Minister Mallon's priorities, the bypass will importantly serve to enhance the town centre environment and facilitate the introduction of active travel measures to the benefit of those who want to spend time in, shop in, and visit the town centre.

A Public Inquiry into the Proposed Scheme was held on 26 and 27 January 2016 and the Inspectors report was subsequently received in March 2016. Following consideration of the Public Inquiry Inspector's Report, the formal Environmental Statement: Notice of Intention to Proceed' was published 29 December 2016.

In preparation for making the Direction Order, the environmental reports have been reviewed and it has been concluded that there have been no significant changes in the environmental impact of the scheme since the Notice of Intention to Proceed with the scheme was published in December 2016.

£1.7m has been allocated for land costs and scheme development on Ballynahinch Bypass in 2021-22. However, actual expenditure will depend on progress made over the current financial year. Progression to construction will depend on budget allocations made to the Department in future years.

To find out more about the scheme visit

<https://www.infrastructure-ni.gov.uk/articles/a24ballynahinch-bypass-overview>



1.2 Newry Southern Relief Road

This proposed Newry Southern Relief Road aims to provide a new strategic road link to the south of Newry city, between the A1 Dublin Road dual carriageway and A2 Warrenpoint Road dual carriageway. This will provide an alternative route for strategic traffic that avoids Newry city centre. The scheme has been awarded partial funding under the Connecting Europe Facility to progress the scheme design and assessment, up to the publication of draft statutory Orders. The proposed scheme is also one of the three infrastructure projects being taken forward by the Department in partnership with the Belfast Region City Deal.

A preferred route for the Newry Southern Relief Road was announced in October 2018. The preferred route links the A2 Warrenpoint Road with the A1 Ellisholding Junction, starting at a new at-grade roundabout on the A2 Warrenpoint Road, along the frontage of Greenbank Industrial Estate, and crossing the Newry River and Newry Ship Canal, just to the south of Drumalane Quarry. The route then heads in a westerly direction via a climbing lane section up Fathom Mountain to another bridge crossing of the Belfast-Dublin Railway Line before

terminating at the A1 Ellisholding Junction. This grade separated junction would be redesigned to include two new slip roads to accommodate traffic to/from the south.

The current stage of the project involves developing the design of the road and preparing the draft Statutory Orders, along with an Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR), in advance of statutory public consultation. Consideration is being given to whether the proposed bridge over the Newry Ship Canal is fixed or lifting. The Minister is mindful of the implications of the design of Narrow Water Bridge and has stated that she is keen to understand the costs and benefits to the local area of an opening structure alongside other potential options. The Minister has also indicated that, before making a decision, she wants to listen to the views of the local community and is currently engaging with local groups and the Council on this issue. The Minister met with a delegation from Newry Mourne & Down District Council to discuss the proposed bridge over Newry Ship Canal on 30 November 2020. Newry Mourne & Down District Council have recently provided the Department with a report for its consideration which includes an assessment of the economic benefits of providing an opening bridge over Newry Ship Canal.

To find out more about the scheme visit

<https://www.infrastructure-ni.gov.uk/articles/newry-southern-relief-road-overview>



A view of the proposed Newry Southern Relief Road at Flagstaff Road

1.3 A7 Rowallane to Doran's Rock

The Design work and the Environmental Assessment for the proposal are now substantially complete.

Land, much of which is agricultural but includes some that is residential, will be required from adjacent land owners and a Vesting Order will be required. In preparation for vesting, meetings with impacted landowners will be arranged to discuss the extent of land required.

The next stage of development work will include taking the proposal through the statutory procedures.

Progression of the scheme remains subject to the clearing of these statutory procedures.

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EXPLANATION OF MAINTENANCE OPERATIONS

Resurfacing and Strengthening

Roads generally fail by cracking and rutting. They usually do not fail suddenly, but gradually deteriorate due to the impact of traffic, age and weathering. Wear normally appears as either excessive permanent deformation of the whole or part of the carriageway structure, or is associated with the cracking of the bituminous layers.

Roads are normally designed for an operational life of 20 years. During this period and beyond, there is a need for the highway authority to intervene at times to either treat or replace the top layer of bituminous material known as the "surface course" or to provide additional depth to preserve the underlying structure of the road and extend its life.

Resurfacing is the application of a layer of this mixed material of 40mm minimum thickness. It strengthens the road, seals it against the ingress of water, and improves skidding resistance and riding quality.

Surface course Bitumen Macadam (Bitmac) has an expected life of 7-12 years which can be extended by subsequent surface dressing. Bitmac is a more flexible material than Asphalt and more suitable for the deformation and movement associated with weaker underlying ground conditions.

Asphalt resurfacing is more appropriate to heavily trafficked roads and junctions having a robust roadbase. It is more expensive and has a longer expected life of 15-20 years.

Resurfacing of existing roads can usually be carried out on top of the existing surface (overlay) but where drainage or kerb levels or bridge heights are restricted the existing surface may need to be removed before the resurfacing takes place.

Surface Dressing

This process involves spraying a bitumen emulsion binder onto the existing road surface, followed by a layer of stone chippings, which is then rolled. This seals the road preventing ingress of water thus extending the life expectancy of the road and also helps to improve the skid resistance of the surface.

Drainage Works

The quick and effective drainage of surface water from the carriageway contributes significantly to road safety and helps to prevent damage to the road itself. Improvement works

carried out include the upgrading of the existing drainage facilities to ensure effective dispersal of surface water and prevent as far as possible the occurrence of standing water or flooding of the road. In many cases the provision of new drainage facilities have to be undertaken including the installation of road gullies, pipes and manholes leading to a suitable discharge point.

Grass Cutting

Grass cutting is carried out for road safety reasons rather than for amenity purposes. Previous grass cutting policy allowed for routine cutting of 1 swathe width (approximately 1.2m) twice a year in rural areas and five times a year in urban areas. However, due to financial constraints, the policy has been amended to allow for two cuts across both rural and urban areas, with the exception of sightlines which are re-cut as necessary.

Gully Emptying

In 2021/22 as in the previous year, the Department currently aims to maintain the level of service and inspect and clean, where necessary, all gullies once annually.

Roads Recovery Fund

In 2021/22, £17m has been allocated to a Roads Recovery Fund from the structural maintenance budget specifically designed to address the roads which have been worst affected by recent under investment. £15m of this investment is being targeted towards rural roads which represents a 50% increase when compared to the last financial year. We will use this fund to carry out short lengths of resurfacing rather than repairing a large number of individual potholes in problem areas. Section Engineers, and their staff, across the Division are identifying the worst locations for inclusion on our works programmes. This work will reduce the number of potholes across the network and help prevent additional defects from forming.

Dealing with Correspondence / Public Interface

As you will be aware following a restructuring exercise the Department has adopted a new approach in relation to dealing with some queries that come our way. It is perhaps worth refreshing on this process and the background to it.

Dfl lost a significant number of staff through the Voluntary Exit Scheme which was implemented across the whole of the Northern Ireland Civil Service. As a result of this Divisions had to develop new staffing structures across all work areas to try to maintain an acceptable level of service.

One area of significant workload is dealing with correspondence. The Department, and in particular DfI Roads, receives a large volume of correspondence from the public and public representatives throughout the year. Indeed, the level of correspondence has been increasing in recent years at a time when staff resources have been reducing.

In a large number of cases the correspondence relates to reports of individual defects on the road, such as potholes, blocked gullies, defective street lights etc. In order to improve efficiency the Department now deals with correspondence which is only reporting routine defects differently from other general correspondence. Therefore if a member of the public, or public representative, writes to the Department by letter or e-mail, reporting a routine defect then our staff will simply log this information onto our work systems and an automated response detailing the query reference number will issue to the correspondent. Staff will then deal with the query received in accordance with our maintenance standards.

If the initial letter relates to a more general roads issue rather than simply reporting a defect, a substantive reply will issue in the normal way.

In order to reduce the volume of general correspondence reporting routine defects, we are encouraging the reporting of defects through our on-line "Report a Fault" section on our website. Alternatively a phone call can be made to one of our telephone operatives who will record the details directly onto the "Report a Fault" system. You can report a fault on-line at <https://www.nidirect.gov.uk/> or by telephone to 02890 540540.

It is noted that the vast majority of dealings with the public are by phone or email and the number of visitors to our offices has reduced considerably as communication methods have improved. Section Offices however remain open to the public between the hours of 10am - 12noon and meetings outside of this can be arranged by appointment.

Emergency Out of Office Hours Assistance

We have a call centre to deal with calls outside normal office hours.

DfI Roads personnel can be called upon to deal with emergencies such as flooding, obstructions such as fallen trees, and when requested by Emergency Services, in clearing up after road traffic collisions.

Routine roads related matters are not dealt with by this service and should be raised with DfI Roads offices during normal working hours.

The Emergency out of Hours telephone number is: 0300 200 7899

NETWORK MAINTENANCE SCHEMES COMPLETED 2020/21

2.1 Completed Carriageway Resurfacing

Across the Council Area a total length of 14.5 kms of road was resurfaced in the 2020/21 financial year at a cost of £6.5m. Below are details of the most significant lengths of schemes undertaken.

Route No	Road name, Location	Length (km's)
B0006	Clealough Road, Killyleagh	1.27
U0250	Knocknashinna Road, Downpatrick	0.73
A0049	Lisburn Road, Ballynahinch	0.72
A0002	Blackstaff Road, Ballykinler	0.40
A0021	Saintfield Road, Ballynahinch	1.2
A0025	Dublin Road Castlewellan Phase 1	0.83
A0025	Dublin Road Castlewellan Phase 2 (Loughislandreavey)	0.71
A0025	Castlewellan Road, Rathfriland	1.4
A0002	Warrenpoint Road, Dual Carriageway	1.0
B0008	Hilltown Road, Kilcoo	0.77
B0008	Newry Road, Mayobridge	1.2
B0133	Millvale Road, Bessbrook	0.74
U5501	Dungormley Estate, Newtownhamilton	0.5
U6405	Mourne Drive area, Warrenpoint	0.5
U5345	Lower Newtown Road, Killeavey	0.83
U5653	Thomas Street, Bessbrook	0.19
U5653	Orior Park, Bessbrook	0.22
U6585	Third & Forth Street, Barcroft Park, Newry	0.44
A0028	Belfast Road, Newry	0.8

In addition to the above the following roads received resurfacing treatment under the Roads Recovery Fund.

Route No	Road name, Location	Length (km's)
B0177	Lisburn Road, Ballynahinch	0.5
C0297	Ballycreen Road, Ballynahinch	0.3
U0302	Bay Road, Ballykinler	0.2
U0311	Scallops Hill Road, Ballykinler	0.4
U0316	Carricknab Road, Ballykinler	0.2
U0316	Old Carricknab Road, Ballykinler	0.9
U0310	Tyrella Road, Ballykinler	0.4
U0110	Dunnaneew Road, Seaforde	0.3
U0219	Bog Road, Kilcoo	0.2
U0134	Cottage Road, Seaforde	0.4
C0292	Ballymacarn Road, Ballynahinch	1.2
U0113	Chestnut Road, Ballynahinch	0.3
U4166	Dree Hill, Finnis	0.2
U0176	Drumcullen Road, Seaforde	0.1
C0289	Farranfad Road, Seaforde	0.1
U1112	Kennel Road, Seaforde	0.2
U0132	Tanaghmore Road, Louginisland	0.4
U0388	Martinpole Road, Ballynahinch	0.4
U0125	Forge Hill, Saintfield	0.1
U0350	Island Road, Killyleagh	0.2
U0338	Ardigan Road, Killyleagh	0.2
U0174	Old Belfast Road, Saintfield	0.1
U0349	Shanes Road, Killyleagh	0.1
U5409	Glendesha Road, Forkhill	0.4
U5363	Cashel Road, Forkhill	0.7

Route No	Road name, Location	Length (km's)
U5268	Trasna Road, Meigh	0.5
U5280	Quarry Road, Camlough	1.3
U5400	Low Road, Jonesborough	0.6
U5341	Newtown Road, Newry	1.2
C0174	Green Road, Bessbrook	0.5
C0213	Tullyherron Road, Whitecross	0.5
C0221	Shaughan Road, Belleek	1.7
U5188	Mountain Road, Camlough	0.9
C0174	Convent Hill, Bessbrook	0.5
U6172	Clontafleece School Road, Burren	1.0
U6135	Ballymaderfy Road, Kilkeel	0.4
U6159	Betty's Hill Road, Newry	0.4
U5392	Lower Molley Road, Jonesborough	0.3
U5233	Barr Road, Belleek	0.3
C0204	Carrickgallogly Road, Belleek	0.2
U6148	Upper Knockbarragh Road, Burren	0.1
U6197	Lower Dromore Road, Warrenpoint	0.2
C0338	Benagh Road, Kilkeel	0.1
U6161	Corrags Road, Burren	0.1
U6122	Crobane Road, Newry	0.1
B0008	Hilltown Road, Mayobridge	0.6
U6206	Ballyveagh Beg, Attical	0.3
C0334	Derryleckagh Road, Burren	0.3

2.2. Completed Surface Dressing

Last year approximately 125 kms of road were surface dressed in the Newry, Mourne and Down Council area.

Route No	Road name, Location	Length (km's)
U1127	Knocksticken Road, Clough	1.2
C0376	Castlewellan Road, Dromara	4.7
U4321	Derryneil Road, Ballyward	2.3
U4329	Ballymagreehan Road, Castlewellan	1.0
U0382	Tullycore Road, Killinchy	3.4
U0380	Ballymorran Road, Killyleagh	3.4
U0381	Quarterland Road, Killinchy	1.8
U0379	Ringdufferin Road, Killyleagh	2.6
U0330	Rathcunningham Road, Killyleagh	1.3
B0007	Cahard Road, Listooder	0.8
U0113	Ballykine Road, Ballynahinch	0.8
C0279	Cahard Road, Listooder	3.9
C0286	Ballylucas Road, Downpatrick	3.5
C0286	Ballynoe Road, Downpatrick	3.1
U0230	Ballysallagh Road, Downpatrick	0.9
U0235	Ballydock Road, Ardglass	1.8
C0285	Ballyclander Road, Downpatrick	2.5
U0248	Ballywarren Road, Downpatrick	1.2
U0244	Ballygilbert Road, Killough	1.0
U1204	Ballynoe Road, Downpatrick	5.1
U0253	Carrowbane Road, Downpatrick	1.3
U0249	Coniamstown Road, Downpatrick	2.5
U0314	Glen Road, Minerstown	1.7
U0282	Grangeecam Road, Minerstown	1.0
U0249	Ballystrew Road, Downpatrick	1.8

Route No	Road name, Location	Length (km's)
C0285	Grangican Road, Downpatrick	1.0
C0285	Old Course Road, Downpatrick	3.4
C0200	Annaghmare Road, Crossmaglen	3.2
C0217	Lower Foughill Road, Jonesborough	2.5
C0223	Finnegans Road, Cullyhanna	1.0
C0224	Carrive Road, Forkhill	3.7
C0225	Glassdrummond Road, Crossmaglen	1.5
C0225	Ballynafannahan Road, Cullyhanna	3.1
C0226	Bog Road, Mullaghbane	0.9
C0315	Major's Hill, Annalong	1.4
C0316	Benagh Road, Kilkeel	3.8
C0316	Corcreaghan Road, Kilkeel	3.0
C0321	Sandbank Road, Hilltown	0.4
C0342	Tullyquilly Road, Milltown	1.0
C0342	Longstone Hill, Milltown	0.9
C0339	Glenvale Road, Newry	3.1
C0215	Drumnahunshin Road, White Cross	5.5
U4368	Bannfield Road, White Cross	2.1
U5125	Outleckan Road, White Cross	3.0
U5136	Old Keady Road, Newtownhamilton	1.9
U5137	Cumsons Road, Newtownhamilton	0.4
U5170	Carrickacullion Road, Newtownhamilton	3.2
U5174	Blackbridge Road, Newtownhamilton	0.4
U5194	Tamnaghbane Road, Meigh	1.1
U6088	Ballyweeley Road, Hilltown	2.0
U6119	Sheeptown Road, Newry	2.4
U6172	Clontafleece Road, Burren	4.5
U6199	Old Town Road, Annalong	2.4

Route No	Road name, Location	Length (km's)
U6208	Brackenagh West Road, Attical	2.7
U6215	Aughnahorey Road, Kilkeel	2.0
U6247	Ballykeel Road, Kilkeel	1.8
U6254	Ballyardle Road, Kilkeel	2.0

2.3 Completed Footway Reconstruction

Route No	Road name, Location
B0025	O'Hagan's Terrace, Hilltown
U6292	Greenfield Park, Newry
U6059	Granite Crescent, Newry
U6540	Rooney Park, Kilkeel
U6401	Clermont Gardens, Warrenpoint
A0002	Main Street, Annalong
U6250	Council Road, Kilkeel
U5428	Forkhill Village, various locations
U6283	Peter's Place, Newry
U5278	St. Moninna Park, Meigh
U6280	Fourth Avenue, Newry
C0204	Main Street / Carrickananny Road, Belleek
C0280	Finnebrogue Road, Downpatrick
U1202	Rathkeltair Road, Downpatrick
B0007	High Street, Killyleagh
U0347	Strangford View, Killyleagh
B0180	Bryansford Road, Newcastle
U6201	Tullybrannigan Rise, Newcastle
A0002	Newcastle Road, Clough
U0035	Station Road, Castlewellan
U0347	River Park, Killyleagh

Route No	Road name, Location
C0214	Kingsmill Road, Whitecross
C0337	Corgary, Lurganaire
B0030	Redmonds Close, Lislea

2.4 Completed Drainage Maintenance Works

Each year a number of drainage schemes are carried out throughout the Council Area. These vary from the replacement or upgrading of culverts to the installation of gullies where flooding has been an issue. In addition a programme of routine maintenance work such as gully cleaning is undertaken.

The following are some of the roads we worked on during 2020/21.

Route No	Road name, Location	Description (New Drainage, New Gullies etc)
C0215	Drumnahunshin Road, White Cross	Repairs to drainage line
U5019	Ashtree Hill, Jerrettspass	Repairs to drainage line
C0330	Cross Road, Hilltown	Repairs to drainage line
U6038	Grocers Road, Rathfriland	Repairs to drainage line and new gullies added
U6171	Carrick Road, Burren	New drainage installed
C0335	Cullion Road, Mayobridge	New drainage installed
U5401	New Line Road, Jonesborough	New drainage installed
C0318	Tullyframe Road, Attical	Culvert repair
C0217	Keggal Road, Camlough	Repairs to drainage line
B0181	Hilltown Road, Bryansford	New drainage installed
U4354	Leitrim Road, Leitrim	New drainage installed
U0148	Circular Road, Castlewellan	Repairs to drainage line
U0202	Trassey Road, Bryansford	Repairs to drainage line
C0324	Wood Road, Castlewellan	Repairs to drainage line
U1211	Whitehills Road, Leitrim	New drainage installed
U6800	Burrenbridge Road, Castlewellan.	Repairs to drainage line

Route No	Road name, Location	Description (New Drainage, New Gullies etc)
U5199	Ayallogue Road, Newry	Repairs to drainage line and reset gullies
U5292	Clontigora Hill, Newry	New drainage installed
U5453	Ballynaclosa Road, Forkhill	Repairs to drainage line and new gullies added
C0613	Corcreaghan Road, Kilkeel	Repairs to drainage line
C0313	Head Road, Attical	New drainage installed
U6206	Ballyveaghbeg Road, Attical	New gullies installed
U6267	Cranfield Road, Kilkeel	New drainage installed
U6253	Drummanamore Road, Kilkeel	Repairs to drainage line
C0220	Church Hill, Jonesborough	Repairs to drainage line and new gullies added
A0028	Fiveways, Newry	Repairs to drainage line
U5473	Foxfield Road, Crossmaglen	Drainage line replaced
U5315	Corliss Road, Crossmaglen	Drainage line replaced
C0221	Tullymacreeve Road, Newry	Drainage line replaced
U5434	New Road, Fokill	Drainage line replaced
U5387	Foughilletra Road, Meigh	Drainage line replaced
C0219	Flagstaff Road, Newry	Drainage line replaced
U5395	St. Patrick's Park, Jonesborough	Repairs to drainage line and new gullies added
B0134	Mountain Road, Belleek	New culvert installed
A0007	Downpatrick Street, Crossgar	New drainage installed
U0311	Scollogs Hill Road, Downpatrick	Repairs to drainage line and new gullies added
C0286	Ballynoe Road, Downpatrick	New drainage installed
B0001	Ardglass Road, Downpatrick	Repairs to drainage line
U0168	Raleagh Road, Drumaness	Repairs to drainage line and new gullies added
A0021	Lisburn Street, Ballynahinch	Repairs to drainage line
A0022	Comber Road, Saintfield	New drainage installed
U0388	Martinpole Road, Ballynahinch.	Repairs to drainage line

Route No	Road name, Location	Description (New Drainage, New Gullies etc)
A0007	Crossgar Road, Saintfield	Repairs to drainage line
U0106	Comber Road, Drumaness	New drainage installed
U6402	Forth Avenue onto Forth Road, Warrenpoint	Drainage line replaced
U6057	Tamary Hill, Mayobridge	New drainage installed
B0025	Kilbroney Road, Rostrevor	Repairs to drainage line
U6068	Lurgan Cahone Road, Hilltown	Repairs to drainage line
U5202	Carn Road, Meigh	New drainage installed
U5274	Wood Road, Meigh	New drainage installed
U5195	Seavers Road, Newry	Drainage line replaced
U5194	Tamnaghbane Road, Meigh	New drainage installed
U5344	Low Road, Meigh	New drainage installed
A0002	Newcastle Road, Kilkeel	Repairs to drainage line
U6185	Aughnagon Road, Burren	New drainage installed
U6179	Donaghaguy Road, Burren	Repairs to drainage line
C0315	Mission Road, Ballymartin	New drainage installed
U6207	Brackenagh East, Ballymartin	New drainage installed
U6183	Milltown Street, Burren	Man hole covers replaced
U5197	Seafin Road, Meigh	Repairs to drainage line
B0007	Drumlough Road, Mayobridge	New drainage installed
U6292	Fort Hill Road, Newry	Repairs to drainage line
U0190	Lessans Road, Saintfield	New drainage installed
U0117	Teconnagh Road, Downpatrick	Repairs to drainage line
U1127	Clarragh Road, Clough	Repairs to drainage line and new gullies added
U6204	Elmgrove Park, Newcastle	Repairs to drainage line
A0025	Dublin Road, Kilcoo	Repairs to drainage line
U4216	Legananny Road, Leitrim	Culvert repair
U4324	Magheramayo Road, Leitrim	Repairs to drainage line and new gullies added

Route No	Road name, Location	Description (New Drainage, New Gullies etc)
U4215	Ardglass Road, Leitrim	Repairs to drainage line
A0050	Bann Road, Castlewellan	Repairs to drainage line
U0154	Ballywillwill Road, Castlewellan	Repairs to drainage line & culvert repair
U6021	Lisnaree Road, Newry	New drainage installed
C0174	McClenaghan's Hill, Newry	Repairs to drainage line
U5216	Garvey's Road, Cullyhanna	Repairs to drainage line

NETWORK MAINTENANCE SCHEMES PROPOSED 2021/22

2.5 Proposed Carriageway Resurfacing

The resurfacing programme in Newry, Mourne and Down is currently under review owing to the lack of an asphalt resurfacing Measured Term contract. Dfl is currently pursuing at pace an alternative procurement strategy and the procurement of some larger resurfacing schemes through open tendering in the interim. At the time of writing it is not possible as yet to commit to a programme of work and associated capital spend on resurfacing in the Council area. However work is continuing at pace to ensure that we can get resurfacing work on the ground in the Newry, Mourne and Down area at the earliest opportunity.

2.6 Proposed Surface Dressing

Roads which were patched, regulated or resurfaced over the past few years require sealing. This year it is proposed to surface dress the following roads in the Newry, Mourne and Down Council area.

Route No	Road name, Location	Length (km's)
U5387	Foughilletra Road, Meigh	2.3
U5185	Limekiln Road, Bessbrook	1.1
U5406	Creamery Road (part), Crossmaglen	1.2
U5193	Bernish Road (lower), Newry	1.6
U5195	Bernish Road (upper), Newry	1.5
U5460	Larkins Road, Crossmaglen	2.7

Route No	Road name, Location	Length (km's)
U5443	Foughilletra Road, Jonesborough	1.7
U5382	Sheetrim Hills, Cullyhanna	1.5
U5289	By-Dowdalls Shed, Newry	0.5
U5442	Grants Road, Jonesborough	1.1
U5302	Cargie Road, Cullyhanna	2.2
U5188	Mountain Road, Camlough	1.7
U5316	Alina Road, Crossmaglen	0.9
C0371	Greenan Road, Burren	3.1
U6071	Ballykeel Road, Mayobridge	4.8
B0180	Bryansford Road, Newcastle	3.0
B0180	Hilltown Road, Bryansford	1.7
C0285	Erenagh Road, Downpatrick	0.6
C0288	Ballydonnell Road, Downpatrick	3.8
C0288	Ballykilbeg Road, Downpatrick	2.1
C0293	Carnreagh Road, Castlewellan	4.3
C0293	Drumkeeragh Road, Castlewellan	4.0
C0308	Finnis Road, Dromara	3.7
C0376	Drumnaquoile Road, Castlewellan	6.8
U0104	Drumaghlis Road, Crossgar	3.0
U0107	Drumnaconagher Road, Ballynahinch	1.6
U0117	Teconnaught Road, Annacloy	3.3
U0118	Magheratimpany Road, Ballynahinch	2.8
U0130	Mountain Road, Ballynahinch	2.2
U6070	Ballykeel Road, Mayobridge	3.4
U6089	Lower Ballyweely Road, Hilltown	1.2
U4390	Convent Road, Kilcoo	1.4
C0329	Ballyvally Road, Mayobridge	2.6

Route No	Road name, Location	Length (km's)
U6092	Upper Kinghill Road, Kilcoo	2.1
U6143	Old Carmeen Road, Hilltown	0.5
U6144	New Road, Hilltown	0.5
U6126	New Line Road, Hilltown	1.5
U0306	Erenagh Road, Downpatrick	2.3
U0318	Vianstown Road, Downpatrick	4.6
U4130	Bridge Road, Dromara	0.3
U4133	Money nabane Road, Dromara	2.1
U4218	Whitehills Road, Leitrim	0.9
B0025	Rostrevor Road, Hilltown	5.0
C0313	Quarter Road, Annalong	2.5
U6232	Stewarts Road, Annalong	1.8
U6207	Brackney East Road, Attical	2.8
U6248	Anthony's Road, Ballymartin	1.7
U6137	Old Killowen Road, Rostrevor	2.6
U6221	Aughrim Road, Kilkeel	2.9
U6162	Carrogs Road, Burren	3.2
C0333	Burren Hill Road, Burren	1.4
U5250	Bells Lane, Newtownhamilton	0.4
U0136	Seavaghan Road, Loughinisland	1.7
U0138	The Heights, Loughinisland	1.5
U0168	Creevyargon Road, Ballynahinch	2.9
U0190	Monlough Road, Saintfield	2.6
U0191	Lessans Road Saintfield	0.9
U0241	Shore Road, Killough	0.2
U0304	Marshallstown Road, Downpatrick	1.4
U5056	Ballintate Road, Whitecross	1.9

Route No	Road name, Location	Length (km's)
C0212	Upper Lisdrumchor, Newtownhamilton	1.0
U5014	Lissummon Road, Jerretspass	0.5
U6003	Ballylough Road, Jerretspass	2.0
L0340	Corgary Lane, Newry	0.6
L0337	Corcreechy Lane, Newry	0.9
U5052	Church Road, Newry	1.3

2.7 Proposed Footway Reconstruction

It is proposed to carry out footway improvement / resurfacing works at the following locations.

Route No	Road name, Location
U6292	Greenfield Park, Newry
U6289	Commons Way, Newry
U6292	John Mitchel Street (off Cowan Street), Newry
U6280	Violet Hill Avenue, Newry
U6402	Drumlin Walk, Warrenpoint
A0002	Rostrevor Road at Moygannon, Warrenpoint
A0002	Kilkeel Road, Annalong
U6286	Lisdrum Park, Carrive Crescent, Drumliska Gardens
U6285	Hawthorne Hill, Newry
U6800	Station Avenue, Castlewellan.
U0650	Hillside, Spa
U1229	St Joseph's Ballycruttle, Downpatrick
U6300	Lislane Park, Saintfield
C0281	Saul Road, Downpatrick
U6281	Michael Mallin Park, Newry
C0223	Slatequarry Road, St Patrick's Park, Cullyhanna
U5656	John F Kennedy Park, Camlough

Route No	Road name, Location
U5650	Oliver Plunket Park, Camlough

2.8 Proposed Drainage Maintenance Works

This year it is proposed to carry out drainage improvements at the following locations and attend to emergencies as they arise.

Route No	Road name, Location
A002	Dublin Road (opposite Cloghogue Chapel), Newry
U6383	Cornmarket, Newry
B0113	Old Dublin Road, Newry
U5199	Ayalogue Road, Newry
U5280	Quarry Road, Camlough
B0030	Silverbridge Road, Newry
U5457	Liscalgot Road, Crossmaglen
U5281	Sturgan Road, Camlough
U6280	Clanrye Avenue, Newry
U5399	Aghadavoyle Lane, Jonesborough
U6383	Cornmarket, Newry
U6292	Ardfreelin Estate, Newry
U6284	St Marys Street, Newry
U6292	Monks Hill, Newry
A0025	Court House, New Street, Newry
A0025	Rathfriland Road, Newry
U4390	Convent Road, Kilcoo
B0134	Ballyvalley Road Mayobridge
C0313	Cranfield Road, Kilkeel
A0002	Corcreaghan Road, Kilkeel
A0002	Newcastle Street, Kilkeel

Route No	Road name, Location
C0315	Ballyveaghbeg Road, Attical
U6200	Ballyveaghmore Road, Ballymartin
C0313	Sabbath Hill, Ballymartin
U5653	The Gardens, Bessbrook
A0028	Belfast Road, Newry
C0339	Turmore Road, Newry
U5246	Calmour View, Newry
U5009	Carrickbrack Road, Jerrettspass
U5172	Cavanakill Road, Newry

MAINTENANCE OF STRUCTURES

Highway Structures include bridges, sign gantries and retaining walls. All bridges must be capable of carrying 40 tonne vehicles and this requirement has led to the ongoing assessment of bridges in the area.

Structures Section manages the 1,275 bridges and culverts with a span of 1.8m and greater within the Division of which there are 540 in the Newry, Mourne and Down District Council Area. Smaller structures are managed by the local DfI Section Offices.

2.9 Structures Maintenance Schemes Completed 2020/21

Structures maintenance work completed within Newry, Mourne and Down District Council in 2020/21:

Route	Bridge Name / Location	Bridge Number
A2	Warrenpoint Carriageway (VRS)	N/A
A2	Sea Wall repairs Warrenpoint	N/A
A28	Abbey Way Pedestrian Parapet Railing	41891
B180	Bryansford Road Avenue, Newcastle	50560
B2	Dromore Road, Ballynahinch	50020
U5033	Creggan Road, Whitecross	40503

U5452	Ballynaclosa Road, Silverbridge. (Coole Fuels retaining wall - ongoing)	N/A
U5267	Old Road Ballard, Camlough- retaining wall repair	N/A
A22	Quoile Bridge, Old Belfast Road, Downpatrick	50116
U0162	Rademon Bridge, Church Road, Kilmore	50575

2.10 Vehicle Restraint Systems Upgrade 2020/21

There were no Vehicle Restraint systems upgraded within Newry, Mourne and Down District Council in 2020/2021.

2.11 Structures Maintenance Schemes Proposed 2021/22

Structures maintenance work proposed within Newry, Mourne and Down District Council in 2021/2022:

Route	Bridge Name / Location	Bridge Number
U5452	Ballynaclosa Road, Silverbridge	N/A
U0229	Priests Bridge, Tullybrannigan	50557
C342	Longstone Hill Bridge, Rathfriland	41542
C388	Cumber Bridge, Drumaness	50014
U5211	Drumalt Road, Bridge, Finiskin	40638
C373	Tullyree Road, Kilcoo	50376
U5065	Aughincurk Road, Bridge, Newtownhamilton	40679

Other maintenance schemes within the Newry, Mourne and Down District Council Area will be dependent on the available budget within the year. All other bridges are inspected routinely. This generates an ongoing programme of maintenance/repairs to bridges and other structures.

2.12 Proposed Vehicle Restraint Systems Upgrade 2021/22

This is an ongoing programme of work to replace substandard Road Vehicle Restraint Systems (VRS). Upgrade work proposed in 2021/22:

Location
A2 Newcastle Road, Dundrum

LANDS SECTION

The Dfl Lands Team manage the Divisions lands assets and are responsible for the acquisition of land required for road improvement schemes. The work also involves processing abandonments of land, disposal of land assets that are no longer required and dealing with a range of land queries.

Abandonments

Abandonments of public rights-of-way such as sections of adopted roads and footways are procedures separate from the planning process. These involve a public consultation exercise which informs Dfl Roads decision.

Location	Operative Date	Length / Area Sqm
Abandonment Orders		
Railway Avenue, Newry	7 October 2020	40 sq m Road
New Road & Newry Road, Silverbridge	7 October 2020	3599 sq m Former Road
Stopping-Up Orders		
N/A		

2.13 Network Maintenance - Winter Service 2020/21

The aim of winter service is to help, as far as possible, main road traffic to move safely and freely in wintry conditions by spreading salt at the most effective times. It is vital that we cover as much traffic as possible for the available budget and criteria have been devised to identify the roads that would provide the best cost benefits.

Within Southern Division, a fleet of 38 gritters and over 140 personnel were available, from mid-October 2020 to mid-April 2021, to salt approximately 1708 km of main roads. We aim to complete a salting action in just over 3 hours, which is an immense logistical exercise. There was an average of 90 equivalent full salting actions this year over the 26 gritting routes, at an approximate cost of £27,500 per action with just over 15,284 tonnes of salt used. These figures do not include work carried out on the M1 and the A1 which are maintained by a DBFO company.

Because of the high costs involved, it is essential that our engineers take informed decisions and they are assisted in this task by Met Office staff and the very latest technology. There are currently 21 DfI maintained weather stations across Northern Ireland with an additional 4 stations maintained by our partner companies, and with further data provided from 10 sites in Southern Ireland.

Information on our salting activities continues to be relayed electronically to the broadcast media to ensure that the latest news on road conditions is available to motorists across Northern Ireland. Additional information, including our winter service leaflet, can be found on our website along with advice on driving in poor weather conditions.



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LOCAL TRANSPORT AND SAFETY MEASURES

The Regional Transportation Strategy (RTS) identified the importance of Local Transport and Safety Measures (LTSM) and highlighted some of the principal initiatives to be addressed, including:

- local improvements in towns across Northern Ireland to assist pedestrians and cyclists;
- local highway infrastructure measures to improve safety, such as collision remedial schemes and traffic calming schemes; and
- Network Development schemes (minor works).

LTSM expenditure tends to be widely spread and most communities benefit, as an individual scheme is relatively low cost in comparison to the cost of projects on the Strategic Works programme. They are usually very visible measures and provide good value for money in terms of a safer road transport system, which benefits society, the economy, the environment; and actively contributes to everyone's quality of life.

Types of LTSM projects include:

- Minor Works and Micro Schemes
- Traffic Management
- Pedestrian Measures
- Traffic Calming
- Collision Remedial
- Safer Routes to School
- Bus Priority Measures
- Cycling Measures
- Road and Lane Closures
- Legislation

3.1 Network Development Schemes Completed 2020/21

Traffic Calming Measures

Road name/location	Description
Millvale Road, Bessbrook	Provision of traffic islands.

Pedestrian Measures

Road name/location	Description
Bryansford Road, Newcastle	Provision of 2 walk through traffic islands to enable pedestrians to cross the road safely in this area.
Downpatrick Road, Crossgar	Provision of 2 traffic islands and associated works to improve accessibility for pedestrians and enhance road safety particularly with the high volume of pedestrian and vehicular activity due to close proximity to retail outlets and garage.
Donaghcloney	Puffin crossing installed (Carryover from previous year).



Bryansford Road, Newcastle



Downpatrick Road, Crossgar

Pedestrian Measures - Guardrail

Road name/location	Description
Ballyholland Road, Newry	Guardrail where the footpath from community centre emerges onto Ballyholland Road.

Pedestrian Measures- Footways and Hardstandings

Road name/location	Description
Murlough Car Park, Dundrum Road, Newcastle	Provision of new footway link from existing car park to Dundrum Road. The scheme has improved accessibility and safety of pedestrians in this area.
Downpatrick Street, Crossgar	An extension of existing pedestrian Guardrail at existing pedestrian crossing which will improve road safety for all road users.
Drumlins Primary School, Ballynahinch	Provision of pedestrian Guardrail at entrance to school to improve road safety and providing dropped kerbs to assist with pedestrian movement.

Murlough Car Park, Dundrum Road, Newcastle



Before Works



After Works

Pedestrian Measures - Dropped Kerbs

Road name/location	Description
Windmill Lane, Ballynahinch	Dropped kerbs to assist pedestrian movement.

Part Time 20 mph Speed Limits at Schools 2020/21

Road Name, Location
St. Mary's Primary School, Dunsford
Christ the King Primary School, Drumaness
Derryboye Primary School, Downpatrick
Grange Primary School, Kilkeel
Killyleagh primary School, Killyleagh
St Joseph's Primary School, Newcastle
St Joseph's Primary School, Crossgar
St Marys Aughisnafin Primary School, Castlewellan
St Patricks Primary School, Castlewellan
St Patricks Primary School, Downpatrick
St Louis Grammar School, Kilkeel
St Paul's High School, Bessbrook



Killyleagh Primary School

Collision Remedial

The Department receives data from the PSNI on all personal injury collisions for engineering purposes. This information is assessed and areas where clusters of incidents have occurred are identified for further examination to determine the nature of the collisions, contributory factors and possible patterns. When engineering methods can be applied to address or improve the situation design proposals are then drawn up and implemented on a priority basis.

While we regret and are concerned about all road traffic collisions, and give a high priority to accident reduction and prevention measures, you can appreciate that traffic collisions can be caused by a wide range of contributory factors, not all of which can be influenced or controlled by the provision of engineering measures.

The following collision remedial schemes were completed in the Newry, Mourne and Down area:

Road Name, Location	Description
B8 Hilltown Road, Newry	Scheme provided High Friction Surfacing in conjunction with resurfacing works.
Castlewellan Road, Clough	100m High Friction Surfacing along the Eastbound lane approaching Junctions at Hollybush Road and Drumcraw Road.

Traffic Management

Accessible Parking Bays Provided

Road Name, Location
19 John Street, Crossgar
17 Lynn Doyle Place, Downpatrick
38-40 Main Street, Saintfield
33 Crossgar Road, Shrigley
21 Lynnhurst Park, Drumaness
13 New Bridge Street, Downpatrick
7 Downpatrick Road, Strangford
9 Burren View Way, Newcastle

Road Name, Location
9 Mary Street, Crossgar
103 Main Street, Dundrum
40 Derrybeg Drive, Newry
282 Barcroft Park, Newry
76 Clanrye Avenue, Newry
36 Rooney Park, Killeel

Accessible Parking Bays Removed

Road Name, Location
209 Listooder Road, Saintfield
Rathkeltair Terrace, Downpatrick (2 Bays)
3 Church Hill, Killyleagh
31 New Bridge Street, Downpatrick (Rear)
The Old Mill, Killyleagh

Traffic Regulation Orders - Speed Limits & Waiting Restrictions

Road Name, Location	Description
Armagh Road, Newry	30mph extended to roundabout from Damolly Retail Park.
Burrenreagh Road, Bryansford	No Waiting at any time restrictions in the form of double yellow lines.

Road Markings Provided

Road Name, Location	Description
Magheraknock Road, Ballynahinch	30mph and 40mph Roundels
Enterprise Avenue, Downpatrick	15m corner restrictions
Ballytrim Road, Crossgar	2 no. Slow markings
Aughlisnafin Primary School, Castlewellan	Extension of Zig Zag markings
Church Hill, Killyleagh	15m corner restrictions

Road Name, Location	Description
Dunmore Road, Spa	Slow markings
Downpatrick Road, Clough	Slow markings
Hillcrest Drive, Ballynahinch	Give Way markings
Drumlins Primary School, Ballynahinch	School Keep Clear and Zig Zag markings
Downpatrick Road, Strangford	Provision of T-Bar marking
Killyleagh Road / Manse Road, Darraghcross	40mph Roundels
Lisburn Road, Saintfield	Marking out of parking lay-by
Dromore Street, Ballynahinch	Keep Clear markings
Irish Street, Killyleagh	T-Bar marking
Church Hill, Killyleagh	T-Bar marking
Bryansford Avenue, Newcastle	Keep Clear markings
Canal Quay, Newry	T-Bar marking
Slieve Foy Place, Warrenpoint	T-Bar marking
13 Derrybeg Avenue, Newry	T-Bar marking
43 Violet Hill, Newry (Rear)	T-Bar marking
29 Camlough Park, Bessbrook	T-Bar marking
Boat Street, Newry	T-Bar marking
Flagstaff Road, Newry	Double Yellow Lines
Windmill Road, Newry	Single and Double Yellow Lines
Merchants Quay, Newry at Canal Court Hotel	Coach Bay

Traffic Signs Provided

Road Name, Location	Description
Teconnaught Road, Kilmore	New 30mph and National Speed Limit (NSL) Signs
Killough Road, Ardglass	New 30mph and NSL Signs
South Promenade, Newcastle	Elderly People warning sign
Wallace Hill Road, Killyleagh	Give Way Warning Sign

Road Name, Location	Description
Mearne Road / Saul Road, Downpatrick	3 Pedestrian Warning Signs
Spa Crossroads, Spa	New Give Way and Advanced Give Way Signs
Clarkhill Road, Castlewellan	Enhanced 30mph and NSL Signs
Chestnut Road, Ballynahinch	Horse Warning Signs
Spa Road, Spa	New Chevron Sign
Dromore Road, Ballynahinch	Road Narrow Sign
Magheraknock Road, Ballynahinch	Enhance Crossroads Warning Sign
Slievegrane Road, Downpatrick	Give Way Sign
Lake Road, Downpatrick	Give Way Sign
Dundrum Road, Newcastle	Pedestrian Warning Signs
Castlewellan Road, Clough	Enhanced Crossroads Warning Signs and Advance Give Way Signs
Slievenaboley Road, Leitrim	Advanced Give Way Signs
Killyleagh Road, Darraghcross	Enhanced Gateway Signs
Ardmore Avenue, Downpatrick	Playground Warning Signs
Langley Road, Ballynahinch	Enhanced 20mph signs
Belfast Road, Downpatrick	Pedestrian Warning Signs
Magheralone Road, Drumaness	Horse Warning Signs
Drumkeeragh Road, Ballynahinch	Horse Warning Signs
Derryboye Road, Derryboye	New chevron sign
Ballyhornan Road, Downpatrick	Bend Warning signs
Tullybrannigan Road, Newcastle	Road Narrow warning sign
Ballmageough Road junction, Kilkeel	Warning signs
Silverbridge Road, Crossmaglen	Warning signs
Rostrevor Road, Hilltown	30mph & pedestrian in road
Monks Hill Road, Newry	30mph
Temple Hill Road, Ballyholland	30mph
Kilcoo Road, Hilltown	Bend ahead
Forest Hills, Newry	40mph

Road Name, Location	Description
Canal Court, Newry	Coach parking

3.2 Network Development Schemes Proposed 2021/22

Pedestrian Measures - Footway

Road Name, Location	Description
Ardglass Road / Edward Street, Downpatrick	An infill footway link along Ardglass Road and Edward Street from the junction with Ardglass Road across the frontage of the properties to tie into the forecourt of the local store is carried over from last year. A controlled crossing will also be provided on Ardglass Road.

Ardglass Road / Edward Street, Downpatrick



Pedestrian Measures - Guardrail

Road Name, Location	Description
Carney Hall, Newry	Localised Guardrail.
Rooney Road, Kilkeel	Localised Guardrail including footway widening in conjunction with resurfacing works.
Mayobridge mini roundabout	Localised Guardrail including minor alterations to the roundabout to improve road safety & traffic progression.

Pedestrian Measures - Dropped Kerbs

Road Name, Location	Description
Station Avenue, Castlewellan	Dropped kerbs have been identified for provision at this location to assist pedestrian movement.
The Square / Claragh Court, Clough	Dropped kerbs have been identified for provision at this location to assist pedestrian movement.

Pedestrian Measures – Footway Provision

Road Name, Location	Description
A25 Newton Road, Camlough	Proposed footway infill linking housing development.
Ballymaglave Road, Spa	Proposed new footway in vicinity of Spa Primary School. Carryover from last year.
St Patrick’s Road, Raholp	Proposed new footway across frontage of No.40.

Pedestrian Measures - Controlled Crossings

Road Name, Location	Description
At the crossroads of St Mary’s Street / Ballybot Bridge / The Mall / Mill Street, Newry (Completed July 2021)	A new signalised junction to facilitate pedestrians crossing, in conjunction with the Council Public Realm scheme.
John Mitchell Place, Newry (Completed June 2021)	A new Puffin Crossing has been identified for provision this financial year at this location.
A2 Kilkeel Road, Annalong (aka Main street)	A new Puffin Crossing has been identified for provision this financial year at this location. (Carryover from last year)
Ardglass Road, Downpatrick	As part of the footway scheme discussed under pedestrian measures a new Puffin Crossing has been identified for provision this financial year at this location.
Newcastle Road, Castlewellan	A new Puffin Crossing has been identified for provision this financial year at this location.

Road Name, Location	Description
Kildare Street, Newry	The Pedestrian Crossing at this location remains on the programme for upgrading to a Puffin Crossing.
Main Street, Castlewellan	The Pedestrian Crossing at this location remains on the programme for upgrading to a Puffin Crossing. Carryover from last year.
Main Street, Castlewellan (at the chapel)	The Pedestrian Crossing at this location remains on the programme for upgrading to a Puffin Crossing. Carryover from last year.
Sugar Island /Trevor Hill / Kildare Street / Upper Water Street, Newry	A Traffic Signal Junction Upgrade incorporating Puffin facilities will also be under-taken in 2021/22 at this location. Due to essential maintenance being required, the upgrade of this signalised junction will take the opportunity to introduce an enhanced form of traffic control (MOVA) to improve junction efficiency and traffic progression. This scheme will also improve accessibility for pedestrians with the introduction of Puffin crossings. Carryover from last year.
A7 Belfast Road / Main Street / Todds Hill, Saintfield	A Traffic Signal Junction Upgrade incorporating Puffin facilities will also be under-taken in 2021/22 at this location. Due to essential maintenance being required, the upgrade of this signalised junction will take the opportunity to introduce an enhanced form of traffic control (MOVA) to improve junction efficiency and traffic progression. This scheme will also improve accessibility for pedestrians with the introduction of Puffin crossings. Carryover from last year.

Puffin Crossings are relatively new in Northern Ireland and further information on their use is available at NI Direct website at: <https://www.nidirect.gov.uk/articles/puffin-crossing>

Cycling Measures

Road Name, Location	Description
Shared Cycle/Footway A28 Carbane Way / Craigmore Way, Newry (2km)	This scheme involves converting the existing hardshoulder into a shared cycle/footway linking into the existing facility at Shepherds Way, Carbane.
Castlewellan to Newcastle Phase 1 – Cycleway (1.6km of 4.4km)	This scheme involves a shared footway/cycleway along a section of the A50 following the existing footway.
Clough to Dundrum Phase 1 – Cycle Way (1.4km of 2.8km)	This scheme involves a shared footway/cycleway along a section of the A2, following the existing footway.

Part Time 20 mph Speed Limits at Schools 2021/22

Minister Mallon is committed to a further roll out of the new part-time 20 mph speed limits to improve road safety at more schools across the north. All schools in the Council area are being considered for inclusion in a second tranche of part-time 20mph speed limits.

Traffic Calming

Road Name, Location	Description
Kilbroney Road, Rostrevor	It is proposed to introduce Road humps on this road subject to the legislation process.
Park View, Cloughogue	It is proposed to introduce Road humps on this road subject to the legislation process.
High Street, Bessbrook	Proposed priority build out and footway at pinch point.
Railway Road, Meigh	As part of the Council Environmental Improvement scheme for Meigh, High Friction Surfacing (HFS) is to be laid on Railway Road approaching the junction with the Forkhill Road.

Accessible Parking Bays - Proposed

Road Name, Location
9 Church Hill, Killyleagh
24 Grove Gardens, Killyleagh
9 William Street, Crossgar
6 Highbury Walk, Killyleagh
56 Osborne Drive, Shrigley
25 College Gardens, Newry
27 O'Reilly Park, Killeen
13 Lisgullion Park, Newry
44 St Malachys Park, Camlough
23 Rooney Park, Kilkeel
22 Rooney Park, Kilkeel
25 College Gardens, Newry
Crossmaglen Square – (Completed)
Clermont Gardens, Warrenpoint
Lir Grove, Newtownhamilton
Clanrye Avenue, Newry
23 College Garden, Newry
94 Clermont, Warrenpoint
11 Peters Place, Newry
28 De Courcey Way, Dundrum (Carryover from last year)
7 Rathkeltair Terrace, Downpatrick (Carryover from last year)

Accessible Parking Bays – General

Individual Accessible Parking bay applications will be assessed before the completion of the necessary legislative process. Successful applications are required to be notified in local newspapers offering the opportunity for the general public to submit their views.

Any objections must be fully considered before the application can progress to the legislative Stage. Because of the processes involved, approved applications are required to be grouped and processed in batches on two or maybe three occasions during the year.

Due to Covid 19 and the restrictions put in place, the assessments were postponed until the situation normalised. Following the lifting of the restrictions and the return to normal traffic movements these assessments resumed from September 2020 to take into account schools also returning and the impact on parking.

Traffic Management —Traffic Signs

Throughout the year, as assessments are completed, requirements for signs will be identified. To date the following signage has been identified:

Road Name, Location	Description
Saintfield Road, Ballynahinch	Junction Warning sign
Racecourse Road, Downpatrick	New Give Way sign
Strangford Village, Strangford	3 new car park directional signs
Vianstown Road, Downpatrick	Enhanced 30mph and NSL signs
Bann Road, Castlewellan	Additional Bend Warning sign
Bonecastle Road, Downpatrick	Bend Warning sign
Dunmore Road, Spa	Enhanced bend Warning sign
Drumaness Road, Ballynahinch	Cattle Crossing Sign
Castlewellan Road, Dromara	Chevron sign
Drumgath Chapel, Newry	2 x Warning signs
Donaghaguy Road, Burren	2 x Warning and Parking sign
Donagh Grove, Burren	2 x 30mph
Ballydesland Road, Burren	1 Warning sign

Road Name, Location	Description
Clontafleece Road, Burren	3 x Warning signs
Milltown Street, Burren	2 x 30mph & 2 x Warning signs
Hillside Drive, Kilkeel	2 x Warning signs
Greencastle Road, Kilkeel	2 x Warning signs
Greenan Road, Newry	2 x 30mph & 2 x Warning signs
St. Colemans, Sheeptown Road, Newry	2 x Warning signs
Mullaglass Primary School, Newry	4 x Warning signs & 1 direction
Meigh Crossroads, Newry	4 x Warning signs
Killowen Road, Rostrevor	2 x Warning signs
Ashtree Cottages, Rathfriland Road	2 x Warning signs

Traffic Management—Waiting Restrictions Proposed

Road Name, Location	Description
Lisburn Street, Ballynahinch	Proposed Double Yellow Lines Waiting Restriction.
Gaol Lane, Downpatrick	Proposed Double Yellow Lines Waiting Restriction (Amended Proposal).
Dundalk Street, Newtownhamilton	Proposed Double Yellow Lines Waiting Restriction.

Traffic Management—Carriageway Markings

Throughout the year, as assessments are completed, requirement for carriageway markings will be identified. To date the following markings have been identified.

Road Name, Location	Description
Church Road, Chapeltown	2 no. Slow markings
Downpatrick Road, Strangford	T-Bar marking
Middle Road, Saintfield	30mph roundel
Station Road, Killough	30mph roundel
Downpatrick Road, Killough	30mph roundel
Vianstown Road, Downpatrick	30mph roundel
Drumgath Chapel, Newry	SLOW
Donaghaguy Road, Burren	SLOW
Ballydesland Road, Burren	SLOW
Clontafleece Road, Burren	SLOW
Milltown Street, Burren	SLOW & roundels
Hillside Drive, Kilkeel	SLOW
Greencastle Road, Kilkeel	SLOW
Greenan Road, Newry	30mph roundels & SLOW
St. Colemans, Sheeptown Road, Newry	SLOW
Mullaglass Primary School, Newry	SLOW
Meigh Crossroads, Newry	SLOW
Killowen Road, Rostrevor	SLOW
Ashtree Cottages Rathfriland Road	SLOW
Chancellors Road, Newry	30mph roundels
Newcastle Road, Kilkeel	Keep Clear

Traffic Studies

Study	Description
Ballynahinch Traffic Study	To consider current traffic activity and identify the opportunities to encourage more walking and cycling journeys and improve traffic movements following the construction of the Ballynahinch Bypass.
Newry Traffic Study	Due to the reduced traffic flows this scheme has been delayed but is programmed to be completed this year to review traffic movements within Newry.

Deillumination of Signs & Bollards

To help reduce maintenance and energy costs staff are continuing a project to consider all existing signs and bollards which are illuminated at night and identify those which can be replaced with modern high quality retroreflective signs which are not required to be illuminated.

Traffic Regulation Orders - Speed Limits

Road Name, Location	Description
Crossgar Road, Saintfield	Extension of existing 30mph speed limit
Mill Hill, Castlewellan	Extension of existing 30mph speed limit
Crossgar Road, Saintfield	Extension of existing 40mph speed limit
Old Warrenpoint Rd, Newry	30mph Limit (Carryover from last year)
Station Road, Castlewellan	40mph Limit (Carryover from last year)
Ballynoe Road, Bright	40mph Limit (Carryover from last year)

Legislation

Please Note: - All proposals to introduce or amend legislation are subject to successful completion of the necessary processes. This includes Accessible Parking Bays, Speed Limits, Traffic Regulation Orders (such as one-way), Parking and waiting restrictions (such as yellow lines) etc. A notice of intention of proposals is published in local papers which offers the opportunity for the general public to submit their views on the proposals. Objections, when received, must be fully considered and addressed before any scheme can be taken forward for implementation.

SECTION 4 - NETWORK PLANNING & STREETLIGHTING

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4.1 Development Control

Planning Applications

In carrying out their planning functions Councils have a duty to consult a range of statutory bodies. DfI Roads on behalf of the Department for Infrastructure has entered into an agreement with each Council to provide views and advice on roads and transportation related issues.

DfI Roads in its consideration of planning applications, takes into account aspects of development which could prejudice traffic progression and safety in terms of junction capacity, access arrangements, parking standards and provision, road width, radii, gradients, drainage and sight lines. This consideration usually involves site visits and technical work. Compliance with transport policy and compatibility with road infrastructure is taken into account as well as any need for developer led improvements. Proposals are also checked for potential encroachment upon any future road lines. A detailed Transport Assessment may be required for larger developments where potential traffic impact may extend to road junctions some distance from the development site and where infrastructure improvements are deemed necessary as mitigation. For smaller developments a Transport Assessment Form is required to be completed by the applicant in Order to ascertain the likely impact.

In the case of housing developments, the Private Streets (NI) Order 1980 is applied if a planning application includes streets which are to become public and maintainable by the Department. Development Control along with the associated Private Streets Section determines the area to be adopted, arranges for the calculation of the bond amount, supervises construction of the streets and, following satisfactory completion by the developer completes the process for adoption into the public road network. Should the developer not complete the street, DfI Roads can take appropriate enforcement action under the Private Streets Order to ensure satisfactory completion of works funded by the bond.

Other Development Control work includes participating in pre-application discussions and planning meetings, preparation of evidence and presentation of this at Planning Appeals. Assistance is given with enforcement cases associated with breaches of planning control. Input is provided for the use of planning case officers at Council Planning Committee meetings with attendance by Development Control Officers as required.

During the reporting period from 1 April 2020 to 31 March 2021 within the Newry Mourne and Down District Council Area, our Development Control Team dealt with:

Planning Applications: 1082

Pre-Planning Discussions: 32

Of the above applications 34 were housing developments involving the Private Streets (NI) Order 1980. Creating approximately 6.8km of new road.

Examples of major applications being dealt with include:

- **LA07/2019/0745/RM**
Housing development - consisting of 306 social and affordable dwellings to include 53 apartments and all associated landscaping, open space and right-hand turning lane from Craigmore Way.
- **LA07/2020/0782/F**
Shimna Integrated College Newcastle, Demolition of existing school facilities and construction of a new school building and ancillary accommodation with associated hard and soft play areas, parking, landscaping.

Other applications of significance were:

- **LA07/2018/0863/F and LA07/2018/0863/F**
Housing on the former Downe Hospital site.
- **LA07/2016/0631/F**
25 No. dwellings and 2 apartments (27 units in total) associated site works and drainage, with road access from Drumgullion Avenue. (Amended plans and proposal)

Licensing of Pavement Cafes Act (NI) 2014

Development Control also responds to the Council in respect of applications under the Licensing of Pavement Cafes Act (NI) 2014 and gives advice on various matters such as placing of planters and signage.

Roads (NI) Order 1993, Article 80

Article 80 applies to new vehicular accesses on to unclassified roads or agricultural accesses on to classified and unclassified roads. It covers proposals such as new driveway entrances and dropped kerbs and is used where planning permission is not required.

During the reporting period DfI Roads dealt with 38, Article 80 applications.

Development Control also provides evidence in respect of associated Article 84 appeals which are determined by the Planning Appeals Commission.

4.2 Private Streets

Adoptions

During the reporting period Private Streets Section has been successful in adopting a total of 8 private developments comprising 1037 metres of carriageway, and 328 metres of footway into the publicly maintained road network.

These private developments include:

- Denvir Court, Bishopscourt Road, Kilclief
- Dromintee Road, Meigh Stage 1
- Dromintee Road, Meigh Stage 2
- Dromintee Road, Meigh Stage 3
- Millvale Road, Bessbrook
- Hillcrest Village, McKnights Hill, Bessbrook
- Shimna House, Bryansford Road, Newcastle
- Legmoylinn Road, Silverbridge, Newry
- Hollymount Hall, Saintfield

Enforcement

Private Streets Section continues to invoke enforcement proceedings against developers who fail in their responsibility to provide road bonds before commencement of work on site. This takes the form of a series of warning letters followed if necessary by enforcement action.

Private Streets Section continues to work with developers on backlog housing sites with the objective of having work completed to an adoptable standard. Where it becomes evident that a developer is either no longer trading or is incapable or unwilling to complete the work, DfI Roads will consider initiating enforcement action. This may result in the need for DfI Roads to

complete the works and recover the costs from the road bond under Articles 13 and 15 of the Private Streets Order 1980.

DfI Roads is currently carrying out works on the following development site through enforcement action:

- Chapel View, Crossmaglen

It is currently anticipated that enforcement will be initiated during the 2021/22 reporting period in respect of:

- Sloanehill, Killyleagh

Property Certificates

Private Streets Section coordinates the DfI Roads response to Property Certificate Enquiries. A total of 8781 Property Certificate Enquiries were processed during the reporting period in Southern Division

4.3 Local Development Plans

Advice

Cyril (Sid) Stevenson deals with development planning for Armagh Banbridge and Craigavon, Newry Mourne and Down as well as Ards and North Down. He also provides advice to these council areas on transportation matters for Local Transport Plans and Community Plans for Southern Division as well as work on strategic development planning applications.

4.4 Street Lighting

The 2021/22 opening allocation for routine maintenance resource funding is also similar to that for 2020/21 and Minister Mallon has allocated sufficient funding to allow a full street lighting repair service for the entire year.

The total number of streetlights in Southern Division is approximately 89,000, of which 26,000 (29%) are in the Newry Mourne and Down council area.

Minor Works/Upgrading Schemes

Work has been completed or is nearing completion on the following schemes:

Location	Town/Townland	No of Lights
Main Street/Castle Street	Killough	30
Castle Court	Killough	8
Newcastle Road	Castlewellan	5
Riverside Park	Kilkeel	8
Spelga Place / Finleve	Kilkeel	8
Hillside Drive	Kilkeel	25
Ben Crom	Kilkeel	15
Oakridge Villas	Hilltown	6
Spelga Park	Hilltown	26
Ashton Heights	Newry	18
Glenhill Park	Newry	7
Dominic St / Bridge St	Newry	22
Heslip lane	Newry	12
Loanda Crescent	Newry	15
Springhill Drive	Newry	30
A2 Newry Road	Warrenpoint	73
Pine Valley	Rostrevor	12
Daly Crescent	Silverbridge	12

Upgrading of existing street lighting to LED Lanterns

The LED retro fit programme is continuing across the Division. The intention is to reduce energy and maintenance costs by replacing old SOX and SON Lanterns. These are expensive to maintain and the ability to replace parts is diminishing as the production of these parts are being run down. Our target of replacing 3300 SOX and SON lanterns with modern LED lanterns in the council area has been met.

Street Lighting Maintenance

Since April 2015, DfI Roads only repairs those defective street lights reported by the public or their representatives. In Order to facilitate this process, reports of defective lights can now be made directly on line via the NI Direct website at the web address:

<https://www.nidirect.gov.uk/services/report-street-light-fault>

Reports made via this web page automatically generate a Works Order to the appropriate contractor to have the defect repaired.

Reports can also be made by telephone at 0300 200 7899.

Priority is given to emergency defects i.e. those defects posing a direct structural or electrical hazard, then to groups of lights out, groups of lights burning continuously and finally to individual lights out Repair of faults to streetlights

Repair of faults to streetlights

Our response times are:-

Emergency, responded to an RTC within an hour and a half to site (1.5hrs) where a street lighting column has been damaged.

This is only to make safe and protect the public from danger to exposure of live cables or the column falling down.

Urgent, respond within twenty four hours (24hrs). This is to reinstate a knockdown of a column possibly at a critical junction.

Normal lamp maintenance within five days (5 days).

External contractors are employed to assist our in-house engineers with maintenance.

It is not always possible to fulfil the 5 day response. This can be down to a combination of

factors. The amount of outages on the system, cable faults on the cable network or staff shortages. We aim to achieve that at least 95% of street lights are recorded as working on the LMS at anytime. In 2020/21 an average of 92% was achieved in the Newry Mourne and Down Council area.

Proposed Upgrading Schemes:

Location	Town/Townland	Type of Scheme
Mullandra Park	Kilcoo	Replacement
Parkhead Crescent	Newry	Replacement
Carnagat Road	Newry	Replacement
Craigmore Road / Meadowbrook	Newry	Replacement
Catherine Street	Newry	Replacement
Lisdrum Park	Newry	Replacement
Kidds Road	Newry	Replacement
Ardmore Road	Newry	Replacement
Abbey Way	Newry	Replacement
Pool Lane / Cleary Crescent	Newry	Replacement
Forest Park	Drumintee	Replacement
Sandy Street	Newry	Replacement
Scrogg Road / Mossvale Park	Kilkeel	Replacement
Kilmorey Crescent	Kilkeel	Replacement
Mountain View Villas	Camlough	Replacement
Hospital Road	Newry	Replacement
Chapel Hill	Mayobridge	Replacement
Greenbank Road Roundabout	Newry	Replacement

4.5 Strangford Lough Ferry Service

General Level of Service

The ferry service has operated throughout the period April 2020 to March 2021. During the initial phase of the pandemic there was a reduced number of daily sailing however the full scheduled service was restored in August 2020. Of a total of 18,874 scheduled sailings, 29 were cancelled because of weather and tide conditions. A further 76 sailings were cancelled due to mechanical and technical issues and 192 sailings were missed due to Covid-19. This represented an overall reliability of 98.6% for the year.

Following a review of harbour safety the Department is currently considering the introduction of additional safety control measures in Strangford and Portaferry.

Revised Timetable

Investigations into extending working hours to enable the provision of an additional early morning weekday sailing from Portaferry have been put on hold due to the Covid19 pandemic, however the ferry is currently operating an off schedule service during the morning peak to provide additional capacity for vehicles boarding in Portaferry which is set to continue.



SECTION 5 - DFI ROADS CONTACT DETAILS

Newry Mourne & Down District Council Area

Report a fault - (eg, street lights, pot holes, blocked gullies, etc)

<https://www.nidirect.gov.uk/information-and-services/travel-transport-and-roads/problems-roads-and-streets>

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DFI Roads website

<https://www.infrastructure-ni.gov.uk/>

TRAFFICWATCH Website

www.trafficwatchni.com

Floodline Incident Line

The Flooding Incident Line is available 24 hours a day, every day. You can report flooding problems on roads or burst water mains and blocked drains. **Telephone: 0300 2000 100**