

Safer Roads – a local authority view

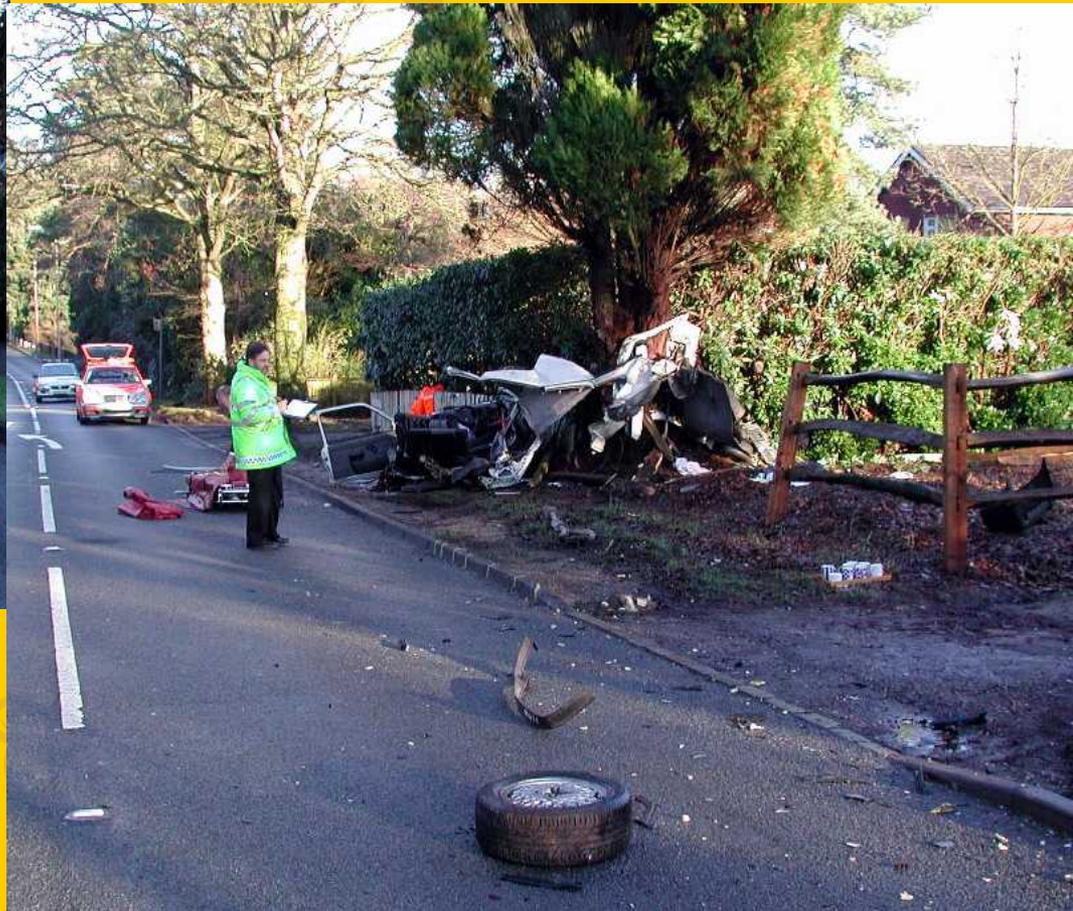
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A regular event– acceptable?

- Driver error?
- Road surface?
- Road layout?
- Mechanical Fault?
- Other – crime scene???



Roadside environment and severity



The Politicians dilemma?

- Highway issues dominate their work with the community.
- Political priorities lie elsewhere –social care?
- Performance assessment and inspections set corporate priorities.
- Link between spend on road surface and impact on safety difficult to map – votes??
- Understand asset management principles, but want quick (ish) wins.

Involvement of elected politicians

With a panel of elected politicians we have achieved

- In depth analysis of deterioration and backlog
- Understanding of link between condition and safety

But

No new money – is this an acceptance of managed retreat/ benign neglect as a policy?