



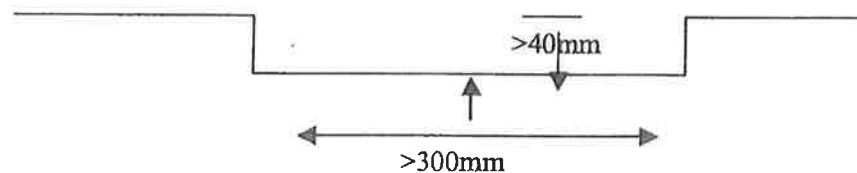
North Tyneside Council

## Highway Inspection Criteria

The Council has adopted the national criteria for intervention levels for actionable defects. These are defined by Audit Commission and included in the Kindred Associations Report on Highways Liability Claims – The Issues (1998). In order to successfully defend and maintain the highways assets the Team is required to be consistent and stringent in its application of the intervention criteria. Below is listed the national intervention criteria

### Carriageways

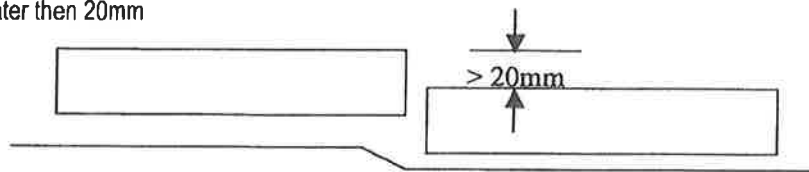
Damage is defined as a defect in the highway, which impairs the value or usefulness of the carriageway and provides a safety hazard for road users. A Sharpe edge depression (pot hole) of 40mm or greater in depth and extending in anyone direction greater than 300mm may constitute a safety hazard and should be repaired in accordance with individual highway authority response times



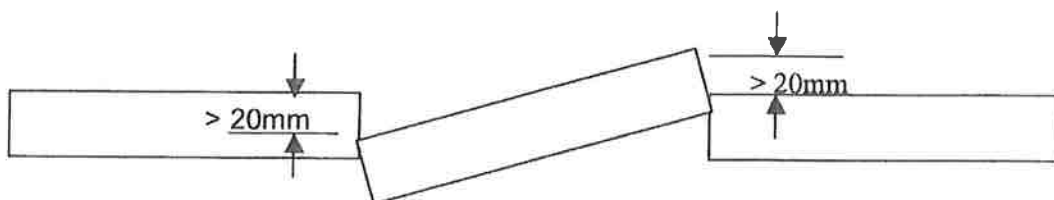
### Pavements

Damage is defined as Defect in the footway, which impairs the value or usefulness of the footway and provides a safety hazard for pedestrians; a useful guide is as follows:

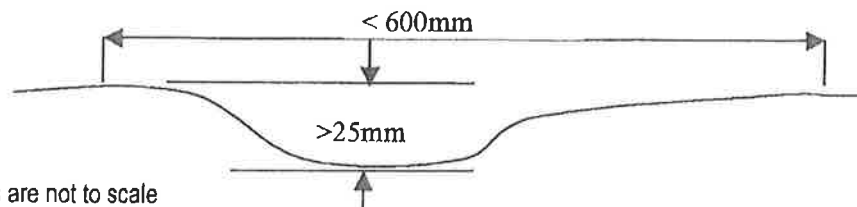
Trips greater then 20mm



Rocking Flags greater the 20mm



Rapid change of footway profile greater than 25mm and extending in plan direction less than 600mm



N.B. Diagrams are not to scale

Source: Audit Commission - The publication of information (Standards of Performance) Directive 1994