

**1. What Roads are gritted in Limerick?**

Priority is given to the National Route and strategic regional route system, which carries the most intensive volumes of commuter traffic. It is not possible to include rural local roads in the winter maintenance programme but attention will be given to regional and local road networks on the basis of need and the availability of resources.

**2. Who is responsible for implementing and development the Winter Maintenance Plan?**

The Central Services team for the Transport and Mobility directorate are the contacts for implementing the plan however cases in relation to particular areas should be diverted to the relevant area office Roads Supervisor. Specific requests will be dealt with on a case by case basis and will be accessed on the basis of need and the availability of resources.

**3. Is there any priority given to gritting school yards and drop off areas?**

Priority is given to the National Route and strategic regional route system, which carries the most intensive volumes of commuter traffic. It is not possible to include gritting of school yards as this is private property and outside the remit of the council. Drop off areas, on the public road, are not included in the plan but in exceptional circumstances, such as prolonged events or specific warnings it is considered on the basis of need and the availability of resources

**4. Can the Council grit my estate as I feel an accident is going to happen?**

With approximately 4,000 kms of roadway in County Limerick, it is not possible to treat all roads as part of the normal winter maintenance programme. Priority is given to the National Route and strategic regional route system, which carries the most intensive volumes of commuter traffic. It is not possible to include rural local roads (including estates and car parks) in the winter maintenance programme. However cases in relation to particular areas should be diverted to the relevant area office Roads Supervisor. Specific requests will be dealt with on a case by case basis and will be accessed on the basis of need and the availability of resources.

**5. Will the council salt the public footpaths (and car parks)?**

We only have capacity to treat 20% of the road network and care should be taken even while using the treated routes. Limerick City and County Council are aware of additional requests from the public to treat other roads/paths in the context of a prolonged cold period, and while we review such additional requests we have limited resources to extend treatment and must prioritise the main road network

**6. If a member of the public is requesting bags of salt to grit an area such as a graveyard will the Council provide the salt**

Priority is given to the National Route and strategic regional route system, which carries the most intensive volumes of commuter traffic. It is not possible to include the provision of salt in such areas but in exceptional circumstances, such as prolonged events or specific warnings it may be considered on the basis of need and the availability of resources

**7. Will the Council grit or salt the footpaths in the Public Parks?**

The Parks Maintenance Team will not grit the public parks. A decision will be made by the Parks supervisor to the safety of the area and if the park is deemed to be unsafe then the Supervisor will make a decision to close the park.