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APSE Highways, Street Lighting and Winter Maintenance Seminar 2026



Thursday 19 March 2026

St James' Park, Newcastle

Programme

09:30 Registration and exhibition viewing

10:00 Session One - State of Highways

Welcome from the Chair

Cllr Simon Letts, Southampton City Council

Transforming Transport in Newcastle

Cllr Juna Sathian, Cabinet Member for Climate and Transport, Newcastle City Council

Keeping up with government requirements for highways authorities and supporting decarbonisation plans?

Mike Hansford, Chief Executive, Road Surface Treatments Association

Lighting the landscape – the latest in local authority street lighting

Rob Baines, Derbyshire County Council

Audience question and answer session

11:00 Break and exhibition viewing

11:30 Session Two - LA innovation showcase

This session will provide short sharp learning on current policy and delivery issues across the sector

Modernising Winter Service Delivery

Carl Gillyon and Ben Towse, Head of Highways / Senior Engineer, East Riding of Yorkshire Council

A Centre for Excellence for Decarbonising Roads

Elaine Nicol, Road Maintenance Manager, North Lanarkshire Council

A UK first: Graphene on the roads in Redcar & Cleveland

Andrew Curry, Universal Matter, Redcar & Cleveland Borough Council

North Yorkshire Council and the benefits of its Teckal Highways Company – NY Highways

Jamie Crumlish, Managing Director, and Martin Duffy, Chair

Northumberland's Reorganisation Roadmap

Kris Westerby, Northumberland County Council

Audience question and answer session

13:00 Lunch, networking and exhibition viewing

14:00 Session Three - Afternoon Keynote

Highways, are we on the road to ruin?

John Mundell OBE, Experienced Local Authority Chief Executive and Highways Director, APSE Associate

Followed by Fireside Chat and Q&A with Mo Baines, Chief Executive, APSE

State of the Market in the Sector

Bonni Jee, Principal Advisor, APSE

A word from our sponsor

From data to delivery: partnering with authorities to improve drainage resilience

Graeme Forward, Managing Director, KaarbonTech

Audience question and answer session

14:40 Coffee Break, Exhibition Viewing and Networking

15:00 Session Four - Breakout discussion forums

Forum 1: Highways, Health and Safety and Back to Basics Clinic

Andy Martin and Richard Hayes, APSE Associates

Forum 2: Sustainability, Street Lighting and Skills

15:30 Plenary Panel

The importance flood risk on Highways

Laura Morrison, Flood Risk Engineer, Wigan Council

The expert panel: A look to the future of roads

Audience question and answer session

16:00 Newcastle United FC Tours

Complimentary tours of the ground. Please reserve your place when booking the seminar. Tickets will be issued at the close of the final plenary session



About the Seminar

Highways, roads, lighting and winter maintenance continue to be area of utmost importance to residents – how do local authorities continue to deliver the basics as best as possible while innovating with technology and low carbon technologies?

The APSE / Survation survey continues to find widespread support for more money to be spent locally on roads and highways, while the DfT have added to the public scrutiny on highways authorities through a new rating system.

Local government re-organisation in England looks set to bring an end to traditional counties and spawn a raft of new unitary authorities. Could functions like highways may be better delivered via joint arrangements, potentially benefiting from economies of scale?

The emphasis on carbon reduction is set to increase and that has implications for fleet and asphalt procurement. Substantial investment is heralded in new power generation and transmission however there will be an inevitable lag whilst the infrastructure is built.

Local Government is left facing a dilemma about which vehicles to buy when charging is potentially problematic. Decarbonisation of the supply chain is paramount, but we have taken the quick wins and the options remaining are increasingly costly.

The public hugely values highways maintenance, street lighting and winter maintenance and resilience services. This seminar will explore the core issues which will impact on the sector in the near future as well as the longer-term challenges.

With industry experts and local authority case studies, and opportunities for discussions and networking this seminar is a must attend event and will provide an excellent learning opportunity for Highways, Street Lighting and Winter Maintenance teams bringing forward ideas for cost efficiency, innovation and funding streams.

About the Venue

St James' Park is the historic stadium and home of Newcastle United FC since 1892. Conveniently located near the city centre and with its own Metro station or a 15 minute walk from Newcastle Station, it is easy to get to from North or South.

For those driving, ample parking is available and it is a short drive from the major A1.

By booking on the seminar, you will have the opportunity to join us on an exclusive complementary tour of the stadium following the seminar.

Please express your interest in the comments on the booking form as places are limited and on a first come first served basis.

Booking Information

Delegate Packages Exclusive of VAT

What's included?

The delegate fee covers attendance, delegates' documentation, lunches and light refreshments

APSE member delegate fee: £195 + VAT

Non member delegates fee: £290 + VAT

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