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## The LASR Approach Nominated For Highways Award

**The LASR Approach has been nominated for the Steve Berry Highways Authority Innovation Award at the 2021 Highways Awards – which will be held in London on Wednesday 20th October.**

The nomination recognises the work and research undertaken to establish The LASR Approach - a new methodology for prioritising Local Authority Skid Resistance which is being developed thanks to a collaboration between The Road Safety Trust, Derby City Council, Enodamus Ltd and XAIS Asset Management.

Currently, many authorities base their approach and skid resistance thresholds on those adopted for the Strategic Road Network. In the absence of other information, it is assumed that these values are applicable to local roads, despite the differences in road geometries, junction types, traffic speeds and traffic flow.

The models outlined in [our latest report](#) are based solely on local authority data and can provide the basis to estimate the benefit of maintenance treatment to improve skid resistance, giving evidence for highway engineers to justify treatment and to aid in the prioritisation of maintenance funding.

The Highways Authority Innovation Award is named in honour and memory of the late Steve Berry OBE. It will be given to the entry that best demonstrates an approach and innovation that has allowed them to develop a project or scheme that delivers measurable and sustainable benefits to the community and the authority.

All qualities that made Mr Berry so admired across this industry.

Commenting on the news, Kully Boden, Interim Head of Service for Highways at Derby City Council, said: *“The LASR Approach has real potential to facilitate improved outcomes for local road users and tax payers by targeting the locations that deliver the greatest safety benefits from skid resistance treatments. We’re proud to be named as a 2021 finalist in the Highways Awards and continuing Steve’s legacy of delivering meaningful improvements through data driven decision making.”*

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