



## **SMS/11A**

### **Liverpool Hope University Estates Department Snow and Ice Clearing Policy**

The winter months present potentially hazardous conditions on footpaths, roads and within car parks. To ensure that safe pedestrian routes are maintained; Liverpool Hope University have engaged the services of an external provider to undertake winter gritting on all three of its campuses.

#### **Forecasting**

The external provider uses the Met Office's forecasting Service - 'Open Site Forecasting' on a site specific basis to gain the most accurate forecast for the site. These forecasts combine actual road temperatures and other prevailing conditions such as precipitation and cloud cover to determine the likelihood of frost, ice or snow.

#### **Attendance on site**

Daily reports are received which profile a traffic light scenario with regard to the prospect of frost, ice or snow developing. Pro-active attendance will be automatic when required. Site appropriate machinery is despatched to cover roads and car parks with footpaths manually gritted to ensure optimum coverage rather than attempting to overspread from the road gritting. In the event of snow cover, the University has a priority service in place with the provider guaranteeing first attendance whenever required; the site will be attended within three hours, subject to the prevailing weather and traffic conditions.

#### **Salt Stocks**

Sufficient salt is purchased in bulk and kept on site to allow the salt to be quickly and easily distributed around the site whenever required. Keeping the salt stored on site also provides a contingency back up for emergency situations in extreme conditions.

#### **Advice**

Gritting does not and cannot provide a complete solution to icy solutions. Grit is spread evenly, but will not cover every centimetre of surface area, and there is the potential for refreezing to occur after gritting has occurred. Care must still be taken when walking along pedestrian routes.