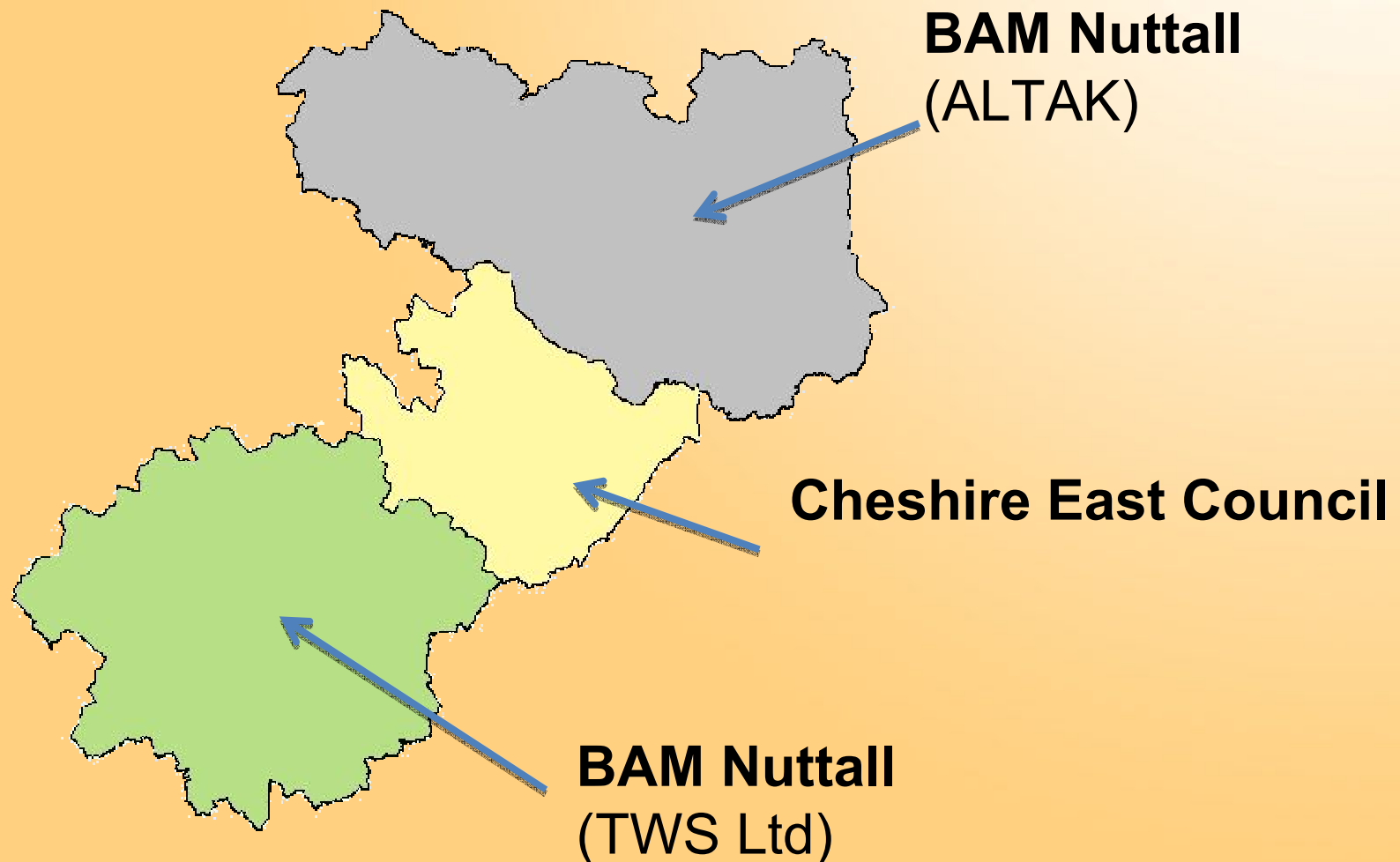


Verge Maintenance

Environment and Prosperity Scrutiny Committee - October 2010

Current Arrangement



What we cut and when?

Rural Grass cutting:

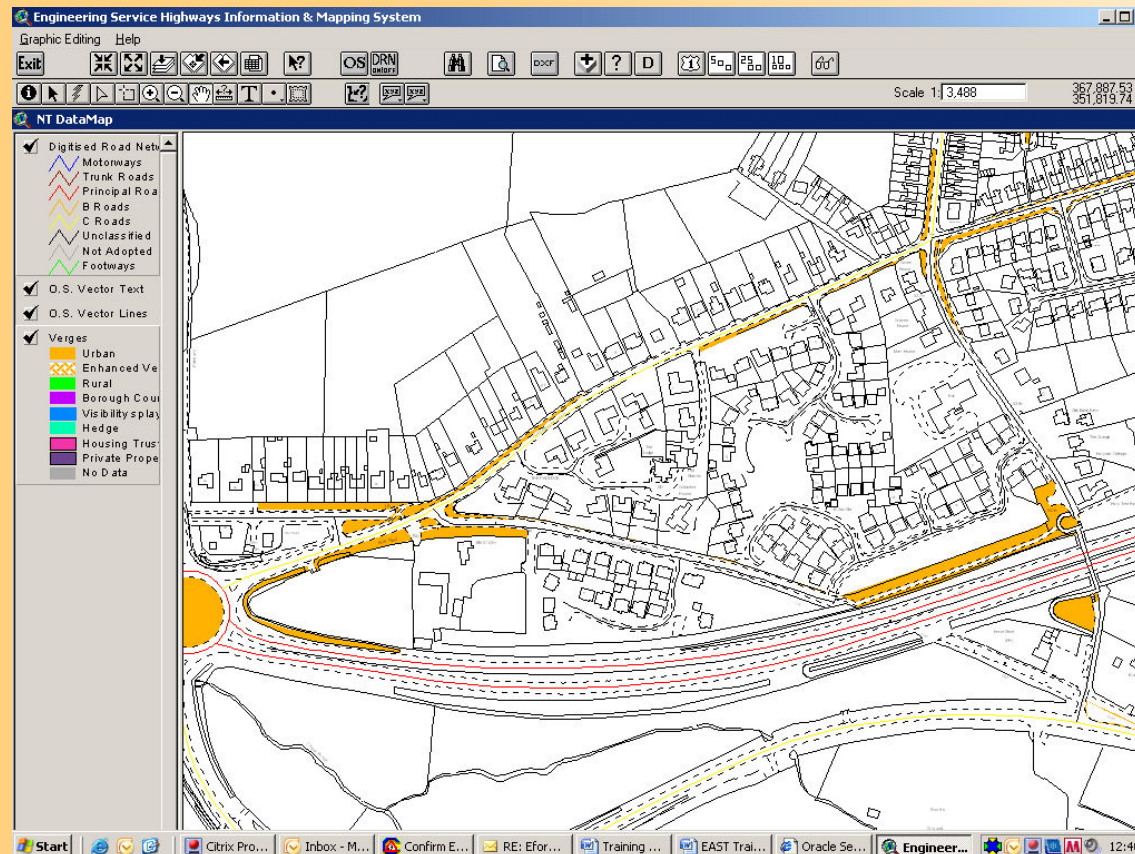
- 1.2m Swathe cut along the length of mainly rural roads, including visibility splays outside urban speed limits.
- Works are completed on client instruction – generally twice / year.
- Works completed mainly for safety reason, visibility and encroachment of adjacent carriageways / footways.

Urban Grass Cutting:

- Includes most areas of grass inside the urban boundaries, adjacent to footways / roundabouts.... But not open spaces, parks, play grounds etc.
- Areas cut as often as required to maintain grass height within specified contractual limits - >12mm <75mm.

Asset Management

Good picture of extent of grassed areas – updated regularly, which reflects payment.



How much do we do? At what cost?

- Total annual budget £820,000
- Annual swathe cut – 4,342KM (416,000sm visibility)
- Urban cutting – 172 HA (up to 16 cuts / year)

SUMMARY

- BAM Nuttall and CEC working to agreed contractual obligations. Inspections invariably confirm the output specification is met.
- Former CBC introduced fortnightly cuts throughout growing season; generally a higher frequency.
- Same Team Leadership in “Congleton area” for both grass cutting and litter picking – easier co-ordination.
- In “Macclesfield/C&N areas” BAMN arrange both gulley emptying and grass cutting – easier co-ordination.