**Freedom of Information Act / Environmental Information Regulations Request**

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I can confirm that Essex County Council (ECC) does hold some of this information. Our responses are shown below:

**I’m writing an article about the use of Reinforced Aerated Autoclaved Concrete (RAAC) in school building structures, and how much this is costing councils to repair/replace. Please can you let me know how much money your authority has spent since September 2018 (so the last four years) on:**

**Question 1 - Survey work to see whether RAAC exists in the structure of your maintained schools.**

This is included in question 4 as surveys where part of RAAC works.

**Question 2 - How many how many schools you found to have RAAC in their structures overall and broken down into primaries/secondaries**

ECC are only responsible for Voluntary Controlled (VC) Community & Foundation Schools so predominantly Primary Schools are the local authority responsibility. There was a program of surveying and monitoring from 2006 and a number of remedial works were undertaken during this period, so the focus was on Schools that had not had additional strengthening undertaken during this period. A total of seven (7) schools have had work undertaken (one is still ongoing) and there are three (3) pending work being undertaken – so ten (10) in total.

**Question 3 - How many of those schools required/ will require in the future remedial work on them to replace or repair the RAAC.**

3 Schools still require RAAC Strengthening works which have been scheduled into our – Forward Maintenance Plan (FMP)

**Question 4 -** **How much money has the work undertaken to remediate/remove RAAC cost and is predicated to cost in the future.**

Total cost thus far: £1,111 189.32 [over seven (7) schools]

We estimate that ongoing and future works will cost around £500K

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