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

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I can confirm that Essex County Council does hold this information, and where we are able to release this, our response is listed below.

**Question 1 -** Please can you explain in further detail how this decision has been made? If the damaged road has now been repaired or as it's deemed non dangerous it's being left as it is?

Can you also confirm that no reports were made of any defect in this location, which resulted in any repairs done between the previous yearly checks?

Please see the attached site history report, which includes the maintenance history, customer service enquiries as well as defects identified during inspections and their associated risk assessment details. Please also see the relevant photos from the defect and resulting job.

As shown on the site history report annually driven safety inspections are carried out, these are in accordance with **Highway Maintenance Policy and General Principles** and our **Maintenance & Inspections Strategies** which are publicly available online [www.essexhighways.org/roads-strategies#maintenance](http://www.essexhighways.org/roads-strategies#maintenance)

Please see page 9 of the **Maintenance & Inspections: Carriageways, Footways and Cycleways** document that is publicly available online [www.essexhighways.org/roads-strategies#maintenance](http://www.essexhighways.org/roads-strategies#maintenance)

Our current **Highway Maintenance Policy and General Principles** and our **Maintenance & Inspections Strategies** are publicly available online [www.essexhighways.org/roads-strategies.aspx#maintenance](http://www.essexhighways.org/roads-strategies.aspx#maintenance)

Our **2019/2022** policy that also applies to this period is publicly available online [www.essexhighways.org/uploads/files/2019-Strategy/Maintenance-Inspections-Strategy-for-Carriageways-Footways-and-Cycleways.pdf](http://www.essexhighways.org/uploads/files/2019-Strategy/Maintenance-Inspections-Strategy-for-Carriageways-Footways-and-Cycleways.pdf), which was amended as amended in March 2021 by Appendix 1 Maintenance Strategy Update - <https://essexhighways.org/uploads/downloads/appendix-1-maintenance-strategy-update-march-2021.pdf>

Details of how inspectors risk assess and prioritise highway issues can be found on our public web site at [www.essexhighways.org/how-we-prioritise-highway-issues](http://www.essexhighways.org/how-we-prioritise-highway-issues).

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