**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.

I am writing to request information under the Freedom of Information Act relating to a road your authority is responsible for maintaining.

Specifically, my query relates to the Lindsey Street (B181), Epping Pothole near the junction with Bury Lane (B182).

Please can you send me:

**Question 1 -** A copy of your current road maintenance policy relating to that road. Please send me the full policy, but this should include details of the intended frequency of road safety inspections, how these inspections should be conducted and the maximum time between identification of a defect and repairs being carried out.

**Question 2 -** A copy of the road repair history for that road over the past year. Again, please send me the full road repair history, but this should include:

- dates of all safety inspections between 17th September 2023 and 15th November 2023

- details of how safety inspections were undertaken (walked or driven, speed of inspection vehicle etc)

- details of all carriageway defects identified, with description, date and time

- details of how the authority handled these defects, what repairs were undertaken and the time between the identification of each defect and a repair being carried out.

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).

Details of how inspectors risk assess and prioritise highway issues can also 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).

Please see the attached site history report, which includes defects identified during inspections and their associated risk assessment details, as well as the maintenance history.

As shown on the site history report quarterly 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).

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