**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.

**Potholes**

1. **Does ECC have a standard for pothole repair?**

Yes. All loose material shall be removed and the void shall be made free of standing water immediately before commencing the repair.  The sides and the base of the excavation shall be treated with an approved bond coat, evenly applied The works shall be undertaken in general accordance with ADEPT Report `Potholes and Repair Techniques for Local Highways`([www.cssnet.org.uk](https://eur02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.cssnet.org.uk%2F&data=05%7C02%7CFOIRequestsPeopleOps%40essex.gov.uk%7Cef47ba3c3673487288af08dcaa21a95e%7Ca8b4324f155c4215a0f17ed8cc9a992f%7C0%7C0%7C638572308749398604%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=9nftoWCoeeg0zb7ZIMadPOHOQtFeigYUuznM78ukSGo%3D&reserved=0)) including a record of the repair.

1. **Does the contractor who carries out pothole repairs on behalf of ECC have this standard in the contract with ECC.**

Yes, the same as above.

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1. **Does ECC have a monitoring system for pothole repairs carried out by the contractor.**

Yes. A sample of pothole repairs is inspected by Essex Highways inspectors.

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