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

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Response: 18 December 2024

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 -** We are currently undertaking enquires with our client and in the meantime would kindly request the following information:

* The date of your last pre-accident inspection of this location
* The frequency of inspections
* How inspections are carried out (on foot or slow-moving vehicle)
* Confirmation of any defects that were noted at the time of your last pre-accident inspection.

Please can you provide a copy of the inspection records and confirm if any Section 81 Notices have been issued to our client.

Please see the attached site history reports, which includes defects identified during inspections and their associated risk assessment details, as well as the maintenance history. The site history report also includes any enquiries relating to Defective Surface Covers, you will notice that one post incident enquiry was raised.

As shown on the site history report quarterly walked safety inspections are carried out on Carters Hill and annually walked inspections are carried out on Carters Hill Cut, 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).

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 Section 81 Notices that were sent to your client following notification of the incident.

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