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

Reference: ECC18225731 03 25
Response: 01 April 2025

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 refer to the main A113 road in central Abridge, Essex, namely Ongar Road leading into Abridge Road between the Abridge Village Hall and Gravel Lane roundabout.

It appears that there are continuous road excavations within this stretch of road, with temporary road works and traffic lights, whereby parts of this road appears to be dug up almost every week for no apparent reason whatsoever. When one of the works stop, another immediately starts, this is non-stop and extremely annoying, especially during peak time period and there appears to be no prewarning about these works at all.

May I request the following information and if you can kindly advise exactly on how many occasions this particular stretch of road:-

**Question 1 -** Has been excavated with temporary traffic lights during 01 January 2024 to 31 December 2024

6 excavations have been undertaken with temporary traffic signals as the highest recorded level of traffic management. A total of 10 working days.

**Question 2 -** Has been excavated with temporary traffic lights during 01 January 2025 to 31 March 2025

3 excavations have been undertaken with temporary traffic signals as the highest recorded level of traffic management. A total of 8 working days with 1 set of utility works proposed to complete on 4th April, however works may be finished sooner.

**Question 3 -** The dates when this will be excavated with temporary traffic lights during 1st April 2025 to 31 December 2025

Current planned work is scheduled to start on 7th April for 3 working days.

The response above only includes works where the highest level of traffic management is recorded as using temporary traffic signals, where excavation was required. Works that used a road closure may have also utilised temporary traffic signals as a lower level of traffic management for part of the works, however this information is not recorded.

Residents can sign up for alerts regarding planned (not immediate unplanned) works on <https://one.network/uk/essex>.

In the event of an emergency, or a situation where a utility company decide unplanned works must be started immediately such as a burst water main or gas leak, or loss of supplies to premises (including telecommunications), utility companies can notify as late as two hours after work starts. A permit is still required but can't be refused.

Please see the attached spreadsheet.

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