



Reference: EIR-468

**Request:**

I am submitting a freedom of information request about potholes in your authority area, specifically:

1. The number of potholes reported in the last 3 years. Please provide the figure for each year (2020, 2021, and 2022.)
2. The combined width of the potholes in meters for each year, again (2020, 2021, and 2022.)
3. The average time in calendar days it takes to repair the potholes for each year (2020, 2021, and 2022.)
4. How much is spent on repairing potholes each year? Again, (2020, 2021, and 2022.)
5. Total number of potholes reported to your authority, since you began recording this data.
6. How much money has been given to drivers as compensation due to poor road conditions in the past (2020, 2021, and 2022.)

**Response:**

1. The Authority's data system is unable to provide information regarding exactly how many individual potholes have been reported to the highways team. However, we can provide information as to how many times we have been contacted about highway concerns. These enquires can relate to a range of different highway matters and may or may not include potholes. The below information is in financial years (April to March).

April 2019 to March 2020: 481 highway enquiries  
April 2020 to March 2021: 120 highway enquiries  
April 2021 to March 2022: 109 highway enquiries  
April 2022 to 1st February 2023: 120 highway enquiries

2. This information is not held as the Authority does not record the width of potholes.
3. This information is not held. The Authority does not calculate average repair time of all potholes repaired.



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4. The below information is by financial year April to March. The figures show the spend on pothole repairs from reactive maintenance budgets as a result of reports from customers or potholes identified during routine highway inspections. Planned full resurfacing works are undertaken using capital budgets, typically around £2.7m per year. These works will rectify a variety of highway defects including potholes that may not be picked up through reactive maintenance works.

April 2019 to March 2020: £121,530.27

April 2020 to March 2021: £119,140.47

April 2021 to March 2022: £120,752.98

April 2022 to 30th January 2023: £75,715.40

5. This information is not held. As stated above, the Authority is unable to provide a figure for the specific number of potholes reported.

6. 2020: £154.68

2021: £524.61

2022: £2594.42