



Response to Request for Information

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Potholes

Request:

1. How much (£) have you spent on resurfacing and fixing potholed roads over the past five years? Please can you provide a figure for each tax year: 2010/11, 2011/12, 2012/13, 2013/14 and 2014/15.

	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
	£000's	£000's	£000's	£000's	£000's
Carriageway Resurfacing/Reconstruction	1,452.70	1,169.55	2,058.00	1,730.00	2,014.00
Carriageway Surface Treatment	637.00	637.00	650.00	750.00	414.33
Total Cost Carriageway Surfacing	2,089.70	1,806.55	2,708.00	2,480.00	2,428.33

2. How many miles of road in your area currently need maintenance work because of uneven surfaces or potholes?

Road Classification	Report	Plan Maintenance Soon	
		Length km	Length miles
A Roads	Topic 130-1	3.398	2.11
B & C Roads	Topic 130-2	4.387	2.726
Unclassified Roads	BV 224 b	63.934	39.727

3. How many pothole maintenance projects are currently outstanding in your region?

Currently six jobs on this Capital programme. This may increase dependent upon funding, potholes identified through routine inspection or complaints from road users are repaired the next working day and therefore there is no backlog of potholes.

4. How many claims for compensation were lodged by drivers as a result of damage to their car due to the poor state of the roads in your council area, over the past three years? Please can you provide a figure for each tax year: 2012/13, 2013/14, and 2014/15.

2012/13	70
2013/14	64
2014/15	65

5. How much (£) have you paid out to drivers in compensation due to the poor state of the roads? Please can you provide a figure for each tax year: 2012/13, 2013/14 and 2014/15.

2012/13	£882.21
2013/14	£6059.73
2014/15	£2653.76

6. What is the name of the road responsible for the worst for pothole damage, i.e. it has damaged more cars than any other road in the area? Please can you provide the road name and the number of car damage claims (broken down by road) that have been made in each of the past three years: (i.e. 2012/13, 2013/14, 2014/15).

Year	Road Name	Car Damage Claims
2012/13	Gorsebrook Road	6
2013/14	Cannock Road	4
2014/15	Wobaston Road	7

7. How often is the average road in your area fully re-surfaced? Please can you provide a figure in years.

Average return period for carriageway resurfacing based on works delivered in years 2012, 2013 and 2014:

All Roads average return period 37 years

Unclassified Roads only average return period 57 years

8. How large is the average pothole in your council area? Please provide the diameter (metres).

– 0.2 metres

9. Approximately what proportion of the roads in your area now need maintenance work because of uneven surfaces or potholes? Please give your answer as a %.

The proportion of roads based on road classification where we should be planning maintenance based on the national performance indicator reports,

Road Classification	Report	Plan Maintenance Soon
		% Length
A Roads	Topic 130-1	4%
B & C Roads	Topic 130-2	5%
Unclassified Roads	BV 224 b	13%

10. Would you say your council area temporarily fixes potholes rather than relays road surfaces? Please answer 'Yes, we temporarily fix potholes', or 'No, we relay the roads'.

Pothole repairs are carried out to roads that do not necessarily require them to be replaced completely (isolated repair). Roads are relayed when the fabric of the road has deteriorated to such an extent that it requires resurfacing or when a surfacing dressing solution such as micro asphalt can be applied to improve the surface.

Pothole repairs are undertaken on carriageway surfaces with approximately 95% of all pothole repairs being a first time permanent repair and typically undertaken as a localised repair, as the existence of a pothole does not necessarily mean that the whole carriageway surface requires additional works. Carriageway surfaces have a surface treatment applied or resurfaced when the existing surfacing has deteriorated to the extent that reactive works such as carriageway patching are not economically viable.