

Environmental Information Regulations – Response - 26761

I am writing to make a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. Suffolk County Council guidance on highway and footway maintenance refers to the use of a matrix or hierarchy to prioritise inspection, maintenance and repair of footways and carriageways.

I would be grateful if you could provide the following information:

1. The current maintenance classification, hierarchy level or grading applied to each adopted road and footway within the area shown by the broken red line on the attached map.

Road Name	Road Hierarchy	Road Type	Road Class	Class Description	Urban / Rural	Footway Hierarchy	Footway Hierarchy Description
Guildhall Street	3b	Secondary Distributor	5	C Road	Urban	2	Secondary Walking Route
Whiting Street	4a	Link Road	6	Unclassified Road	Urban	2	Secondary Walking Route
Hatter Street	4a	Link Road	6	Unclassified Road	Urban	2	Secondary Walking Route
Langton Place	Private Street						
Angel Lane	4a	Link Road	6	Unclassified Road	Urban	2	Secondary Walking Route
Churchgate Street	3b	Secondary Distributor	5	C Road	Urban	2	Secondary Walking Route
Crown Street	3a	Main Distributor	5	C Road	Urban	2	Secondary Walking Route
College Street	4a	Link Road	6	Unclassified Road	Urban	2	Secondary Walking Route
Bridewell Lane	4a	Link Road	6	Unclassified Road	Urban	2	Secondary Walking Route
Finsbury Place	Private Street						
Church Walks	4b	Local Access Road	6	Unclassified Road	Urban	4	Local Access Footways
Honey Hill	3a	Main Distributor	5	C Road	Urban	2	Secondary Walking Route
Westgate	3a	Main	5	C Road	Urban	2	Secondary

Street		Distributor					Walking Route
Chequer Square	4b	Local Access Road	6	Unclassified Road	Urban	2	Secondary Walking Route
Tuns Lane	No Road Section				Urban	4	Local Access Footway

2. An explanation of how each of those classifications or gradings relates to the Council's wider maintenance prioritisation matrix or hierarchy, including:

- o what each grade or category signifies, and
- o how it influences inspection frequency, maintenance priority or intervention thresholds.

This is comprehensively explained with the Highway Maintenance Operational Plan (HMOP) available on the Suffolk County Council (SCC) website (link provided for Q3 response below). The relevant sections on classification and hierarchy and how these influence inspection and intervention timescales are explained on pages 3 –13 but should be read in the context of the whole document. Please also see the intervention matrices from page 24 – 41.

3. Where available, a copy of, or link to, the document(s) that define or describe the matrix, hierarchy or grading system used for assessing and prioritising footway and highway maintenance.

Link to Highway Maintenance Operational Plan (HMOP) - [v2.2 - HMOP 2021 - FINAL live October 2023 updated 2.24](#)

Link to Highway Infrastructure Asset Management Plan (HIAMP) - [HIAMP Final V 1.4](#)

