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Environmental Information Regulations – Response - 26917

I would like to request the following information relating to Church Road, Ringsfield (near Church Cottage and the low point where standing water collects) for the period 01 January 2025 to 13 February 2026:

1. Inspection Records

- *All routine and ad hoc highway inspections carried out on Church Road during the past 12 months.*
- *Please include inspection dates, types of inspection, and any defects recorded.*

NB Highways Drainage Team has checked their flood site register, and this location is not on that list. A search of our records has found no correspondence about this location either, so there has been no reason for the Drainage Team to visit/inspect the site.

Please note that SCC reference for this road is the 1402 From C937 To B1062, Ringsfield, Suffolk. Not Church Road, therefore all information is given for this location for each answer.

As per .pdf files attached named “26917_Report(1)# to Report (6)#”

2. Maintenance & Repair Logs

- *All repairs, temporary fixes, or maintenance carried out on Church Road during the same period.*
- *Please include:*
 - o *dates of works*
 - o *descriptions of work*
 - o *work orders*
 - o *completion notes*
 - o *contractor information*

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3. Defect Reports & Actions Taken

- *All recorded potholes or carriageway defects on Church Road (e.g., the defects recorded under references 42195, 43023, 43411, 44719, 44914, 45066, and 45244, where applicable).*
- *For each defect, please provide:*
 - o *date reported*
 - o *initial assessment*

o risk categorisation

o required response time under Suffolk's Highway Maintenance Operational Plan

o date it was repaired

o photographs held by the council (if any)

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4. Inspection Policy for This Road

• The inspection frequency applicable to Church Road under Suffolk County Council's Highway Maintenance Operational Plan, including the road's classification and expected response times for reported defects.

Church Road, Ringsfield is a Type 4 road as per HMOP

Inspection policy is as per Suffolk County Council's Highways Maintenance Operational Plan (HMOP) section 4 - Risk Management. Found at <https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/highway-maintenance/highway-asset-management/highway-maintenance-operational-plan>

5. Any Outstanding Works

• Details of any currently scheduled or pending works relating to potholes, drainage, or surface condition in this location.

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Redacted Information

All information released in response to a Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) or Environmental Information Regulation 2004 (EIR) request is deemed to be in the public domain. As such we must consider whether or not the requested information qualifies as personal information and should therefore not be released into the public domain.

The council has determined that this is personal information and is therefore exempt from disclosure under **section 40** of the FOIA and **regulation 13** of the EIR.

The Council considered the following, including the possible consequences of disclosure for the data subjects concerned and their reasonable expectations as to the use of their data:

- expectations of the individuals concerned about personal information being put into the public domain;
- reasonable expectations - the data subjects concerned would have a legitimate expectation of privacy concerning their personal information and would not have anticipated this being put into the public domain;
- whether or not the requested information could be anonymised; and
- balancing the individual's rights and the legitimate interests - In past cases the Information Commissioner has weighed the individual's rights to privacy against the public interest in disclosure. There is no presumption in favour of releasing personal data.

This is an absolute exemption, which means that if the condition is satisfied there is no additional public interest test to consider.

In assessing fairness, the Council considered the likely consequences of disclosure of the requested information. Personal information should not be used in ways that have unjustified adverse effects on the individuals concerned. The council also considered whether such disclosure would be within the reasonable expectations of the individuals, given that any response to a request under the FOIA or EIR is deemed to be in the public domain. The council believes that in this instance it is not fair to disclose personal data and is therefore withholding the requested information under section 40 of the FOIA and regulation 13 of the EIR.