

## **Environmental Information Regulations – Response - 27088**

*Smithbrook Lane, Hartest*

*Report refs: 537057, 545950, 540452, 42383 and 56918*

- 1. Please provide evidence of the site visit being undertaken on 23.3.26*
- 2. Please provide evidence of the assessment of the potholes on Smithbrook Lane on 23.2.26 from the main road to our property (listed on SCC system as XXX XXXX) and why these do not meet the SCC criteria for repair, given 10+ potholes are over 40mm deep and 20mm wide*

*As per attached file named '27088\_Report.pdf'.*

Maintenance is undertaken in accordance with the Highways Maintenance Operational Plan (HMOP). Smithbrook Lane is classified as a green lane (Road Type 5), which means it is not maintained to the standard of the surfaced highway network. The usual pothole criteria (minimum 200 mm diameter and 40 mm depth) do not apply.

Repair matrix below does not include Type 5 roads.

HMOP states that:

Unsurfaced roads ('green lanes') including unbound laybys are not routinely inspected but, to reflect their local use by limited vehicular traffic, equestrians and pedestrians, inspections may occasionally be undertaken. However, as funding for work on these roads is very limited, only minor repairs may consequently be undertaken, solely in order to keep the lanes open to local users, as and when practical to do so.

### **4.1.3 Carriageway Safety Inspection Frequency**

<b>Road Type</b>	<b>Inspection Frequency</b>	<b>Tolerance for completion in relation to due date</b>
2 - Strategic routes	1 month	5 working days
3a - Main distributors	1 month	5 working days
3b - Secondary distributors	3 months	10 working days
4a - Local roads	6 months	10 working days
4b - Local access roads & minor roads	6 months	10 working days
5 - Unsurfaced unclassified roads (green lanes)	Inspection on complaint only	

## Defect Response Matrix B – Carriageway Level Difference

<b>Matrix B - Carriageway Level Difference</b>				
		<b>SEVERITY</b>		
		Major	Moderate	Minor
		Road Type 2 & 3a	Road Type 3b	Road Type 4a & 4b
		Strategic 'A' rd Routes - Main Distributer - Major Urban Network and Inter Strategic routes	Main secondary distributor roads	Local Roads - Minor rural roads and urban culs-de-sac
		200mm length	200mm length	200mm length
LIKELIHOOD	<b>Very likely</b> >100mm	Cat 2 2 Working Days	Cat 3 5 Working days	Cat 5 20 Working Days
	<b>Likely</b> 40-100mm	Cat 4 10 Working Days	Cat 5 20 Working Days	Cat 6 8 weeks
	<b>Rare</b> <40mm	Defects under 25mm in depth do not need to be recorded.		
<b>Notes</b>				
Examples of level differences may be where a concrete slab has risen or fallen above the adjacent slab, where a carriageway widening joint or haunch has risen or fallen in relation to the adjacent carriageway. Consideration should be given to the location of the level difference within the carriageway, including how it relates to direction of travel.				

## Defect Response Matrix C – Carriageway Defects

<b>Carriageway Defects - Matrix C</b>				
		<b>SEVERITY</b>		
		Major	Moderate	Minor
		Road Type 2 & 3a	Road Type 3b	Road Type 4a & 4b
		Strategic 'A' rd Routes - Main Distributer - Major Urban Network and Inter Strategic routes	Main secondary distributor roads	Local Roads - Minor rural roads and urban culs-de-sac
		Monthly 200mm dia	3 Monthly 200mm dia	6 Monthly 200mm dia
LIKELIHOOD	<b>Very likely</b> >100mm	Cat 2 2 Working Days	Cat 3 5 Working days	Cat 5 20 Working Days
	<b>Likely</b> 40-100mm	Cat 4 10 Working Days	Cat 5 20 Working Days	Cat 6 8 weeks
	<b>Rare</b> <40mm	Defects under 40mm in depth do not need to be recorded.		
<b>Notes</b>				
In sensitive/well used locations on 4a and 4b roads where there is no adjacent footway, elevate repairs to Cat 5. If within a controlled pedestrian crossing use Matrix K - Footway Potholes.				
<b>Laybys</b>				
Road type 4b applies to all bound material laybys (regardless of adjacent carriageway hierarchy)				