

Environmental Information Regulations – Response - 27796

I am writing to ask for the reason a repair was made, to a private road, by Suffolk County Council.

On the 14th August 2026, three flatbed trucks (containing road repair materials) and one car, arrived outside 6 Laundry Cottages, The Park, Gt. Barton. IP31 2SX. As The Park is a narrow road I did offer use of my driveway to park their vehicles, which was refused. I was intrigued as to who they were carrying out the work for. There haven't been any utilities carrying out work, so it wasn't reinstatement. As The Park is a private road, repairs are carried out privately, funded by residents donations.

I asked one of the workman who they were carrying out the work for. He replied "the Council". I commented that I was surprised as The Park is a private road, and explained residents have to organise their own work. To which he shrugged his shoulders.

An area of road surface outside no 6, was then cut into and then tarmac applied. There was no hole or significant damage to the surface, just a bit of difference in levels of tarmac, running parallel to the frontage of no 6.

I checked on the Suffolk County Councils website page "Report a Highways Issue" and found a report logged in respect of this work, please see attached. Also attached a photograph showing the completed work.

Could I please be told why this work qualified for a Suffolk County Council repair.

The Environmental Information Regulations 2004 provide a right of access to environmental information held by public authorities. The Regulations require authorities to disclose recorded information they hold and do not generally oblige them to create new information, provide interpretations, undertake calculations, or draft bespoke responses to answer a request. Accordingly, where relevant information is held, the authority may meet its obligations by providing the recorded environmental information within scope of the request, subject to any applicable exceptions.

Data indicates that this road is classed as a restricted by-way. Suffolk County Council's maintenance policy includes for the repair restricted by-ways when they are surfaced.



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Defect Type:

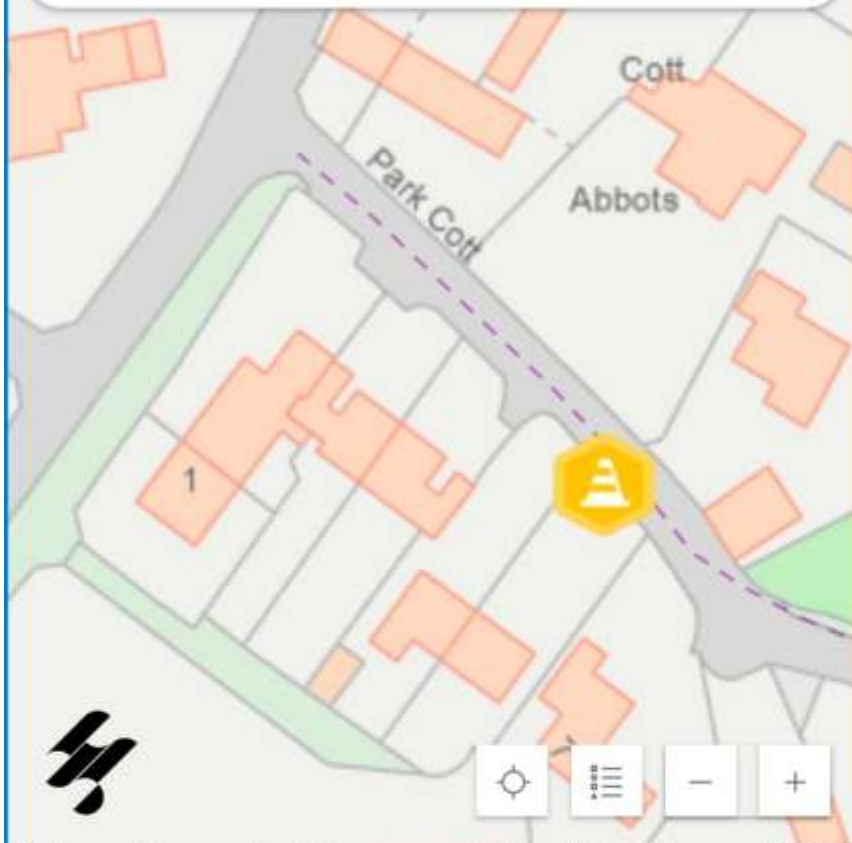
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Works Ordered:

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Works Priority:

10 Working Days



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