

Environmental Information Regulations – Response - 27833

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I understand the report you sent was for a driving inspection done on Europa Way. I was told in a previous email from XXXXXX a walking inspection was done and this would cover Minos Way.

Please correct me if I'm wrong but would the driving inspection cover Europa Way pathway and crossings at Minos Way? I have attached a land deed plan of the area in question and the email I have showing a walking inspection.

Following searches of the information held by Suffolk County Council (SCC), no recorded information has been identified that confirms whether the driving inspection covers the Europa Way pathway and crossings at Minos Way.

Under the Environmental Information Regulations 2004, applicants are entitled to environmental information that is held in recorded form. SCC does not hold recorded information answering this specific question and is therefore relying on Regulation 12(4)(a) of the EIR (information not held).

Whilst we do not hold the specific recorded information you have requested Section 4.1 – Safety Inspections of the Highway Maintenance Operational Plan v2.2 explains the separation of footway inspections and carriageway inspections. It includes:

4.1.2 Standards

All carriageways, footways and cycleways are inspected at regular intervals ranging between monthly to 12 monthly periods depending on the road / footway type. These safety inspections are undertaken to detect defects likely to present a danger or nuisance to the travelling public, and to rectify them with an appropriate degree of urgency.

To ensure Suffolk Highways' inspection teams remain Covid secure, all carriageway inspections are undertaken by a single Suffolk Highways representative in a slow-moving vehicle. Footway inspections are walked or undertaken by a single representative in a slow moving vehicle.

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.

