

I note that a significant amount of the defects in the highway occur at the sites of reinstatements following highway works/utility works. Repairing these defects must be a significant drain on council resources and taxpayers money.

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| <p>1) Where a person/contractor/utility company conducts work on and highway adopted to by the authority what are the minimum standards / specification to which the highway must be reinstated? Please give details of materials (i.e. Bitmacs, aggregates, sealants etc), treatments (stabilising, top dressing, lineing etc) and processes (compaction, installation of bitmac).</p> | <p>1. All reinstatements need to be in line with The Specification for the Reinstatement of Openings in Highways – 4th Edition.</p> |
| <p>2) To put this question a different way, if I wished to open the highway to what standard would I be required to reinstate it?</p> | <p>2. All reinstatements need to be in line with The Specification for the Reinstatement of Openings in Highways – 4th Edition.</p> |
| <p>3) Must reinstatements be warranted/guaranteed? If yes give details of length and minimum conditions.</p> | <p>3. Reinstatements have a guarantee period of two years.</p> |
| <p>4) Do the council inspect reinstatements? If so All, or Dip Sampled? Where is this inspection recorded?</p> | <p>4. The Council do inspect reinstatements. This is carried out in line with the new Department for Transport Code of practice for street works inspections.</p> |
| <p>5) Since 2014 how many occasions have the council</p> <p>a) Required rectification of a failed/failing reinstatement</p> <p>b) Recovered costs of making good a substandard/failed reinstatements</p> | <p>5. a) The Council does not hold this data
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