



Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, please can you disclose the following information:

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| 1. The number of unfixed potholes currently recorded under the council authority (as of August 15, 2025)? | Currently 54 unfixed carriageway defects | | | | | | |
| 1a. Could you provide the location of these unfixed potholes, i.e. what road they are located on? | <p>Location is being withheld under Section 31(1)(a) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FoIA). This states that the information is exempt from disclosure if disclosure would, or would be likely to, prejudice the prevention or detection of crime.</p> <p>This exemption has been applied because the Council believes it makes it possible for fraudulent claims for compensation as a result of highway defects to be made. A disclosure under the FoIA is assumed to be to the world at large and some of the details that would be required to make a claim for damage could be obtained from the information that has been requested.</p> <p>The Public Interest Test to this request has been applied. Whilst I consider it is in the public interest for Councils to be transparent about their affairs and for information to be disclosed as far as possible, I do not believe it is in the public interest to put the Council's funds (from the taxpayer) at risk of fraud. In addition, the time taken by officers of the Council to investigate any claims would be an unwelcome burden on public funds. The public interest in preventing fraud and protecting the public purse outweighs the public interest in transparency</p> | | | | | | |
| 2. How much the council has spent on pothole repairs in the last three years. (Broken down by years 2022/23, 2023/24, 2024/25) | <table border="0"><tr><td>2022/23 -</td><td>£350,066</td></tr><tr><td>2023/24 -</td><td>£358,061</td></tr><tr><td>2024/25 -</td><td>£388,881</td></tr></table> | 2022/23 - | £350,066 | 2023/24 - | £358,061 | 2024/25 - | £388,881 |
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| 3. The number of claims that have been lodged against the council relating to damage caused by potholes in the last three years. (Broken down by years 2022/23, 2023/24, 2024/25) | <table border="0"><tr><td>2022/2023 -</td><td>85</td></tr><tr><td>2023/2024 -</td><td>173</td></tr><tr><td>2024/2025 -</td><td>97</td></tr></table> | 2022/2023 - | 85 | 2023/2024 - | 173 | 2024/2025 - | 97 |
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| 3a. How much the council paid out in compensation to successful claims. (Broken down by years 2022/23, 2023/24, 2024/25) | <table border="0"><tr><td>2022/2023 -</td><td>£9488.39</td></tr><tr><td>2023/2024 -</td><td>£20,290.69</td></tr><tr><td>2024/2025 -</td><td>£4,387.90</td></tr></table> | 2022/2023 - | £9488.39 | 2023/2024 - | £20,290.69 | 2024/2025 - | £4,387.90 |
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