



I am writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request information relating to your authority's expenditure on reinstatement works that were required as a result of previous highway excavations carried out by utility companies or their contractors. Specifically, I am requesting the following information:

1. Total Spend on Reinstatement Repairs

For each of the last five financial years (2020/21 – 2024/25 or most recent available):

- The total gross expenditure incurred by the council on repairs to the public highway that were required due to *failure, deterioration, or defect* in reinstatements originally carried out by:
 - Statutory undertakers (e.g., water, gas, electricity, telecoms)
 - Their contractors or sub-contractors

Please include costs such as:

- Patching or resurfacing works
- Emergency repairs linked to failed reinstatements
- Additional inspections or investigations specifically triggered by reinstatement failure

We are unable to provide this information as we do not hold this data.

2. Amount Recovered From Utility Companies

For the same five financial years:

- The total amount invoiced to utility companies or contractors for defective reinstatement repairs
- The total amount actually recovered
- Any outstanding amounts (if held in recorded form)

We are unable to provide this information as we do not hold this data.

3. Volume of Defective Reinstatements

For each of the same years:

- The number of reinstatements recorded as *defective* or *non-compliant* under:
 - The New Roads and Street Works Act 1991 (NRSWA)
 - SROH requirements
 - HAUC guidance or your local inspection criteria

If possible, please break this down by utility type (water, gas, electricity, telecoms, etc.).

Data is on accompanying 2 .csv files, one outlining sample inspections and the other for defect inspections.

4. FPNs and Defect Charges Issued

For each of the five years:

- The number of Fixed Penalty Notices (FPNs) issued relating to reinstatement issues
- The total value of FPNs issued
- The total value successfully recovered

There is no Fixed Penalty Notice (FPN) applicable to failed reinstatements. The Council applies a standard fee structure for defective reinstatements, as set out in the Specification for the Reinstatement of Openings in Highways (SROH).

We are unable to provide a breakdown of income specifically for defects because these charges are combined with those for sample inspections. However, the Council recovers 100% of all charges issued.