



Request

I would like to request all data held by your authority relating to all unadopted roads and any associated infrastructure within your local authority area that are over 3 years old. By “unadopted”, I mean any roads, streets, or on-site infrastructure (e.g. bridge, retaining structure, architectural features/monuments) that are not currently maintained at public expense by the council, whether or not an adoption agreement exists.

Response

We do not hold the information that you have requested in an easily retrievable format.

Regulation 12(4)(b) of the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 allows a public authority to refuse to disclose information to the extent that the request for information is manifestly unreasonable.

Based on a conservative estimate of 45 minutes to review each of the live sites this will take over 33 hours to compile the requested information.

Public Interest Test

Under Regulation 12(1)(b), the Council must apply a public interest test when relying on an exception. In this case, the Council recognise the public interest in transparency and accountability regarding planning and development matters, particularly those affecting local communities and the environment.

However, this must be balanced against the public interest in ensuring that public authorities can carry out their core functions effectively and efficiently. Requiring officers to divert substantial time and resources to locate and extract the requested information would adversely impact service delivery and the Council's ability to meet other statutory obligations.

On balance, the Council considers that the public interest in maintaining the exception outweighs the public interest in disclosure. Therefore, the request is considered manifestly unreasonable under Regulation 12(4)(b).