

Your request and our response are set out below.

Request

1. When undertaking roadworks how deep do you or your contractors normally dig?
2. How do you establish whether the excavated material constitutes hazardous or non-hazardous waste?

Response

1. Depending on the issues that have been identified by the carriageway engineers, asset condition surveys, stewards inspections and coring. A solution will be formalised which will determine how deep the contractor will need to dig in order to rectify the issue.
2. The core samples that are collected whilst on site will be analysed to determine the make-up of the road and whether any hazardous materials exist. All core samples are sent off to an approved laboratory for testing. Once the results have been sent back, the material will either be disposed of as appropriate or used as part of a recycling scheme, where the hazardous material is re-processed and reused. If the material is found at a depth at which we will not be excavating to, it will not be removed as it will not be being disturbed.