

Our reference: 13546 FOI

02 May 2018

Dear Mr Grehan,

Thank you for your request of 23rd April 2018 in which you asked for information about the:

1. B480 between Petiwell and Southend.
- 1b. B480 between Stadhampton and Monument Road, Chalgrove,
2. B4015 From Chilstlehampton junction for about 1 mile heading west.
3. Sworford Lane from Weathley junction heading south for 1 mile.
4. Kennington Road from Said Business campus to Village Hall/
Tandem Pub.

Please find our responses below, in bold: -

- Dates of all safety inspections undertaken on the carriageway in the two years preceding 23rd April 2018.

- 1/1b. **14/06/2016, 20/09/2016, 07/12/2016, 27/03/2017, 16/06/2017, 13/09/2017, 19/12/2017, 08/03/2018.**
2. **17/11/2016, 12/05/2017, 21/11/2017**
3. **17/11/2016, 12/05/2017, 21/11/2017**
4. **03/08/2016, 08/02/2017, 23/08/2017, 22/02/2018**

- Details of all carriageway defects identified during safety inspections in the two years preceding 23rd April 2018.

Please refer to attached Excel spread sheets attached titled:

"13546defectspettiwell"

1b. "13546defects stadhampton"

"13546defectsb4015"

"13546defectssworford"

"13546defectskennington"

- Details of how carriageway safety inspections are undertaken, including whether walked or driven, the speed of the inspection vehicle and the number of persons in the vehicle.

Please refer to attached 'Highway Inspection Guidance Manual Aug 2007 ver5.pdf (pre-April 2011)' and 'Highway Safety Inspection Policy Apr 2011 V3.pdf (April 2011 onwards)'

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- The intended frequency of carriageway safety inspections.

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- Details of all complaints and/or enquiries relating to the carriageway, received in the two years preceding 23rd April 2018.

Please refer to Excel spreadsheets attached titled:

"13546pemb480pettiwell"

1b. "13546pemb480stadhampton"

"13546pemb4015"

"13546pemsworford"

"13546pemkennington"

The Council has redacted the following information from the disclosure:

1. The names, addresses and contact details of all third parties who are not Council staff.

The Council has made these redactions as it considers that this information is except from disclosure under regulation 13 of the Environmental Information Regulations 2004. Regulation 13 provides that information shall not be disclosed where it constitutes the *personal data* of someone other than the applicant and that disclosure would satisfy one of the following two conditions:

1. That disclosure would breach any of the data protection principles or section 10 of the Data Protection Act 1998 (DPA); or
2. By virtue of Part IV of the DPA, the information is exempt under s7(1) of that Act.

In this case, the relevant condition is the first condition. Specifically, the council considers that the first data protection principle would be breached; namely, that disclosure of the redacted information would not be *fair* for the following reasons:

1. This information constitutes *sensitive personal data* and so represents information which should remain private;
2. The reasonable expectations of the *data subjects* and the nature of the information itself leads the Council to conclude that the *data subjects* could not reasonably expect that this information would be disclosed;

3. Neither this, nor similar information has been released into the public domain by the *data subjects* or anyone else;
4. That the principles of transparency and accountability under the FOIA do not override the *data subject's reasonable* expectations that this information would not be disclosed; and
5. That the legitimate interests in the public having access to this information do not outweigh the interests in preserving the rights and freedoms of the *data subjects*.

In reaching this decision, the Council noted that the following consequences may occur if this information was disclosed:

1. Release of this information may cause embarrassment to the *data subjects*;
2. Disclosure may lead to the *data subjects* receiving unwanted and unnecessary correspondence;
3. Releasing this information may cause distress to the *data subjects*;
4. Disclosure of this information could cause the *data subjects* to receive threats or to otherwise be intimidated; and
5. Disclosure of information which leads to the identification of *data subjects* who have made confidential disclosures to the Council would undermine their confidence in that confidential process.

In light of the above, the Council considers it justified to uphold this exemption by applying redactions to the disclosure.

- The hierarchy classification

1/1b 5 Secondary County Route
 2. 5 Secondary County Route
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 7/8 Collector Road/Minor Collector Road
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- The road/section number.

1. 31100B480S/00222 & 31100B480S/00224
 1b. 31100B480S/00304, 31100B480S/00306, 31100B480S/00308,
 31100B480S/00310 & 31100B480S/00312
 2. 31100B4015/00110
 3. 3110C18905/00105
 4. 3110U18555/00105, 3110U18555/00110, 3110U18555/00115,
 3110U18555/00120 & 3110U18555/00125

- The defect intervention criteria adopted in relation to the identification of all categories of carriageway potholes

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- The time period(s) adopted between identification and repair (temporary and permanent) of all categories of carriageway defects.

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- Whether or not the authority has formally adopted all or part of the standards contained within the national code of practice for highways maintenance management.

The County Council has adopted the principle contained in the above guidance document as detailed in 'Highway Inspection Guidance Manual Aug 2007 ver5.pdf (pre-April 2011)' and 'Highway Safety Inspection Policy Apr 2011 V3.pdf (April 2011 onwards)' attached'

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Internal review

If you are dissatisfied with the service or response to your request you can ask for an internal review as follows:

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- Use the online complaints form on our website:
www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/complaints
- Write to the Complaints & Freedom of Information team at the FREEPOST address:

Corporate Complaints Team
Oxfordshire County Council
FREEPOST (RTLL-ECKS-GLUA)
Oxford OX1 1YA

If you remain dissatisfied with the handling of your request or complaint, you have a right to appeal to the Information Commissioner at:

The Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF.

Telephone: 0303 123 1113 Website: <https://ico.org.uk>

Please let me know if you have further enquiries. I would be grateful if you could use the reference number given at the top of this email.

Yours sincerely

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