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Our Reference: 4041766

Dear Mrs Moss

Information Request - 4041766 - Poole Bridge, Wettenhall Road, Poole - Bridge Maintenance etc

I am responding to your request for information, which has been considered under the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 (EIR) and logged as case 4041766.

Your request is as follows:

*Does the bridge have a weight restriction imposed on it?
If not can you tell me why not?
The number of repairs that this bridge has had on it during the past 20 years;
A break down of the costs for the above stated;
The total length of time the road has been closed (Wettenhall Road) whilst under repair (a breakdown per incident would be useful);
An explanation for the reasons for the repairs to the bridge eg. damage by motorised vehicles, routine maintenance, accident etc.
I would like to go from 1st April 1998, due to the age of the bridge, but from 1st April 2009 would suffice.*

I can confirm that Cheshire East Council holds some of the information you have requested. I have detailed below the information that is held.

Q1. Does the bridge have a weight restriction imposed on it?

A1. There are no restrictions currently imposed on the bridge in question.

If not can you tell me why not?

The bridge was assessed in February 1999 and was considered be able to withstand 40/44 tonnes, which is the UK limit. Any vehicles over this limit are classed as 'abnormal loads'.

Q2. The number of repairs that this bridge has had on it during the past 20 years;

A2. From the available records the bridge has been repaired on 3 occasions over the past 20 years.

Please note that older information pre-dating the formation of Cheshire East Council is held in the County Records Office at Chester.

Please click on the link below:

<http://archives.cheshire.gov.uk/home.aspx>

The archive stores committee meeting minutes and other information archived from the legacy authorities. The relevant authorities here would be Crewe & Nantwich Borough Council and Cheshire County Council.

You can contact the County Archives Office directly for further information.

Q3. A break down of the costs for the above stated;

A3. The breakdown of costs for the 3 repairs recorded:

- 17th September 1999 to 15th October 1999 - this information is not held
- 28th May 2008 to 3rd June 2008 - this information is not held
- 2nd June 2014 to 4th December 2014 - £69393.86

Q4. The total length of time the road has been closed (Wettenhall Road) whilst under repair (a breakdown per incident would be useful);

A4. Total length of time road has been closed was 68 days:

- 17th September 1999 to 15th October 1999 - 29 days
- 28th May 2008 to 3rd June 2008 - 7 days
- 2nd June 2014 to 4th December 2014 - 32 days

Q5. An explanation for the reasons for the repairs to the bridge eg. damage by motorised vehicles, routine maintenance, accident etc.

A5. Explanation for the repairs/closures:

- 17th September 1999 to 15th October 1999 - river training works (Routine maintenance)
- 28th May 2008 to 3rd June 2008 - road traffic collision (corner damage)
- 2nd June 2014 to 4th December 2014 - road traffic collision (major damage)

I am unable to provide you with some of the breakdown costs because this information pre-dates the formation of Cheshire East Council. Therefore regulation 12(4)(a) applies to your request. Regulation 12(4)(a) provides an exception to the duty to disclose information when information is not held.

Please quote the reference number 4041766 in any future communications.

Please note that an anonymised copy of this response may be published in the Council's Disclosure Log, which is available online at the following address: www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/foi

If you are not satisfied with the outcome of your request or if you are not happy with the way your request has been handled, you can request an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within 20 working days of our response by emailing xxx@xxxxxxxxxxxxx.xxx.xx or in writing to Compliance & Customer Relations Team, Cheshire East Council, 1st Floor, Westfields, c/o Municipal Buildings, Earle Street, Crewe, CW1 2BJ.

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you then have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF; Tel: 0303 123 1113; Fax: 01625 524510 or <https://ico.org.uk> The Information Commissioner will not normally investigate your case until the Council's internal review process has been completed.

Yours sincerely

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