

From: [Foi Enquiries](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: EIR-17-0236 - Potholes
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Attachments: [Further Information - Right to Review & Appeal.pdf](#)

Dear [REDACTED],

Thank you for your information request of 9 February 2017. Aberdeen City Council (ACC) has completed the necessary search for the information requested.

I write regarding the above and to request, under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002, the following information:

• Any assessment the local authority has made of the number of potholes in the area, broken down by year since January 2012.

An accurate number of potholes in the area would be impossible to report as often the same pothole is reported several times, creating duplicates. Also, very often location information of a defect is very vague so two potholes reported on the same road with vague location details might be logged as only one pothole.

ACC is unable to provide you with information on **Any assessment the local authority has made of the number of potholes in the area, broken down by year since January 2012** as it is not held by the Council. In order to comply with its obligations under the terms of Regulation 10(4)(a) - Information Not Held - of the EIRs, ACC hereby gives notice that this information is not held by it. ACC is required by Regulation 10(1)(b) of the EIRs to inform you as to why in all the circumstances of the case, the public interest in maintaining this exception outweighs the public interest in disclosing this information to you. ACC is satisfied that it does not hold this information and considers that, as there is no information held, the public interest lies with the exception.

We can report on the number of total enquiries that have been raised against roads. Please be aware these are numbers of total enquiries, which covers all operational duties carried out by Roads. They are not broken down by defect type such as potholes etc.

2012/13 = 5,627
2013/14 = 4,368
2014/15 = 4,224
2015/16 = 4,290
2016/17 up to week ending 05/02/17= 9,418

• The number of potholes the local authority has repaired, broken down by year since January 2012.

2012/13 = 16,008
2013/14 = 17,274
2014/15 = 13,886
2015/16 = 18,766
2016/17 up to week ending 05/02/17= 16,253

• The cost incurred through repairs of potholes, broken down by year since January 2012.

The costs of resurfacing and fixing potholed roads are:

2012/13 = £2,950,004.37
2013/14 = £3,711,615.12
2014/15 = £2,326,746.00
2015/16 = £2,092,943.00
2016/17 up to week ending 05/02/17= £3,408,419

• Compensation paid out by the local authority as a result of pothole damage, broken down by year since January 2012.

This information is available on our website at the following link:

http://www.aberdeencity.gov.uk/council_government/performance/financial_information/cg_finance_corporate_insurance.asp

As **Compensation paid out by the local authority as a result of pothole damage** is otherwise accessible on our website at the link provided above, it is exempt from disclosure. In order to comply with its obligations under the terms of Regulation 13 of the EIRs, ACC hereby gives notice that we are refusing your request under the terms of Regulation 6(1)(b) - Information Already Publicly Available - of the EIRs.

We hope this helps with your request.

Yours sincerely,

Grant Webster
Information Compliance Officer

INFORMATION ABOUT THE HANDLING OF YOUR REQUEST

As the information which you requested is environmental information, as defined under Regulation 2(1) of the Environmental Information (Scotland) Regulations 2004 (the EIRs), ACC considered that it was exempt from release through FOISA, and must therefore give you notice that we are refusing your request under Section 39(2) of FOISA (Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002). However, you have a separate right to access the information which you have requested under Regulation 5 of the EIRs, under which ACC has handled your request. Please refer to the attached PDF for more information about your rights under the EIRs.

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