

From: [Foi Enquiries](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: EIR-17-0719 - Potholes
Date: 24 May 2017 15:19:27
Attachments: [Further Information - Right to Review & Appeal.pdf](#)

Dear [REDACTED],

Thank you for your information request of 16 May 2017. Aberdeen City Council (ACC) has completed the necessary search for the information requested.

Could you please provide the following information under the Freedom of Information Act:

1. The number of potholes reported within your local authority area in 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017 (to date), broken down by year.

Please see figures below for yearly breakdowns for 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. We cannot provide a further breakdown of this. It is not possible to provide an accurate number of potholes alone as the same pothole may be reported any number of times.

2014-2015 - 4,224

2015-2016 - 4,290

2016-2017 up to week ending 22/03/2017 - 4,097 (Please note these are the most up to date figures)

2. The minimum depth and width (in inches or cm) a reported pothole must be in order to be recorded as a pothole by your local authority.

Please see link below to our Road Safety Inspection Manual

http://www.aberdeencity.gov.uk/web/files/Roads/road_safety_inspection_manual.pdf

As **The minimum depth and width (in inches or cm) a reported pothole must be in order to be recorded as a pothole by your local authority** 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.

3. The number of potholes repaired within your local authority area in 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017 (to date), broken down by year.

We are unable to provide figures further than the week ending 19/03/2017 as any further figures have not yet been collated.

2014-2015 - 13,886

2015-2016 - 18,766

2016-2017 up to week ending 19/03/2017 - 19,291

4. The amount of money the local authority has spent on repairing potholes within your local authority area in 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017 (to date), broken down by year.

The costs of resurfacing, patching and fixing potholed roads are:

2014/15 = £2,326,746.00

2015/16 = £2,092,943.00

2016/17 up to week ending 05/02/17 = £3,408,419

5. The amount of money the local authority has spent in 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017 (to date), broken down by year, on paying compensation to claimants where vehicle damage was caused by potholes/damaged road surfaces.

Please see the webpage below:

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

As **The amount of money the local authority has spent in 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017 (to date), broken down by year, on paying compensation to claimants where vehicle damage was caused by potholes/damaged road surfaces** 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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