



My Ref: FOI 6285
Enquiries to: Information Requests
E-Mail: informationrequests@barnsley.gov.uk

Dear Requester,

Re: Request for Information – Freedom of Information Act 2000

I wish to confirm that the council has completed its search for the information which you requested.

The information requested and our findings are as follows: -

I am writing to request information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 concerning the inspection of highway structures (bridges, culverts, and similar structures) maintained by your authority.

This request is made with reference to the inspection framework set out in CS450 and the Well-managed Highway Infrastructure: A Code of Practice (Road Liaison Group), which together establish a maximum six-year interval between Principal Inspections unless a longer interval has been formally approved through a risk-based assessment.

For every highway structure within your authority's inventory, please provide the following, ideally as a single spreadsheet with one row per structure:

1. a) The structure name and unique identifier or reference number.
1. b) The asset type (for example, bridge, culvert, retaining wall, or footbridge) and the span or length, where held.
1. c) Confirmation of ownership and maintenance responsibility (i.e. whether the structure is maintained by your authority, a third party, or held under a Rights of Way designation), so that responsibility for each structure is unambiguous.
1. d) The date of the most recent General Inspection.
1. e) The date of the most recent Principal Inspection.
1. f) The scheduled date of the next Principal Inspection.
1. g) The inspection interval currently applied to the structure, in years, and whether this is the standard six-year interval under CS450 and the Well-managed Highway Infrastructure Code of Practice, or an extended interval.
2. For any structure where the Principal Inspection interval has been extended to ten years or more under a risk-based assessment, please provide, for that structure individually rather than as a general policy statement:
 2. a) The date on which the extension was approved.
 2. b) The role or team responsible for approving the extension (for example, Principal Engineer or the Bridges and Structures Team), without needing the name of the individual officer.

2. c) The methodology or criteria used to justify the extension under your risk-based assessment process.

3. The date on which your authority's current risk-based variable interval policy (if you operate one) came into force, and what governed Principal Inspection intervals for structures last inspected before that date.

4. Confirmation of whether this disclosure represents your authority's complete inventory of highway structures, or whether any structures, or any historical inspection records, are held separately (for example in a legacy asset management system not reflected in this return).

5. Confirmation of whether any dates in the disclosed data are system defaults, placeholders, or otherwise not genuine inspection dates, and if so, which records these affect

Please find requested data in accompanying excel spreadsheet. Please note that only data for structures which are maintained by the Highway Authority have been provided, 3rd party-maintained structures have not been included.

Other responses provided here:

2. c) where records are available the DMRB IAN 171/12 Risk Based Principal Inspection Intervals has been used to assess inspection intervals.

3. Not available

4. This data does not represent the authority's complete inventory as retaining wall asset data is currently held separately and is not mature enough to share.

5. The data provided is that currently held on the asset management system. Scheduled inspections that have not yet been undertaken are scheduled based on default inspection periods.

If you have any queries about this letter, please contact Information Requests Via email.

Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

If you are unhappy with the way the Directorate has handled your request, you may ask for an internal review. Please clearly mark your correspondence 'Complaint' and address it to:

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Customer Services Team
Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF

Email: <http://www.ico.org.uk/foicomplaints>

Kind regards,

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