

61550 Burnside Path, Edinburgh

Accident Date: 30/10/2024

What3Words Location Reference: risky.fried.about

We refer to the above and would be grateful if you would provide us with the following information relating to the Burnside Path, Edinburgh, Midlothian. The timeframe of this request is 30 October 2023 to 31 December 2025.

Details of all works, planned or otherwise on the Burnside Path, Edinburgh, Midlothian.

In January 2025, a temporary path diversion to facilitate pedestrian access and avoid a sinkhole was put in place. April 2025 there was a scoping exercise to determine options for the wall and sinkhole repairs. Repairs to the sinkhole and retaining wall were carried out between 03/11/2025 and 20/12/2025.

Whether or not the pavements at the Burnside Path, Edinburgh, Midlothian are adopted in terms of the Roads (Scotland) Act 1984.

If they are not adopted, please provide the occupier's details.

This path is not adopted by The City of Edinburgh Council.

The Council is only responsible for the wall at this location. The Council does not hold any land ownership information. You may wish to seek this information from Registers of Scotland who may charge a fee. They can be contacted at:

<https://scotlis.ros.gov.uk/>

Details from the Council's risk register or a definition of an actionable hazard for defects or damage to the pavement at the Burnside Path, Edinburgh, Midlothian.

As the path is not adopted by the Council, there are no such details or definitions held.

Details of any complaints received in any form, about defects or damage to the pavements at the Burnside Path, Edinburgh, Midlothian.

Please refer to the three attached Enquiry Forms.

The Council was made aware of a sinkhole on 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> June 2024 via Longstone Community Council. We became aware that safety barriers had been removed by members of the public around 30<sup>th</sup> October 2024. Heras barriers were then installed on 05/11/2024 with padlock and chains.

Details of the Council's policy for the verification and assessments of complaints about defects or damage to the pavement at the Burnside Path, Edinburgh, Midlothian.

As the path is not adopted by the Council, there is no such policy held.

Details of all inspections, including date and time of those inspections, inspection route and manner in which the inspections are carried out to the pavement at the Burnside Path, Edinburgh, Midlothian.

As the path is not adopted by the Council, there is no routine inspection schedule and the path is not part of any inspection route. There is no record held of an inspection prior to the sinkhole incident.

Following the incident, the Heras fencing was checked on a weekly basis (every Friday morning) until the Heras fencing was removed, however, there is no digital record of these inspections.

Details of the Council's policy for the reports of defects or damage to the pavement at the Burnside Path, Edinburgh, Midlothian.

As the path is not adopted by the Council, there is no such policy held.

Details of all defects or damage to the pavement at the Burnside Path, Edinburgh, Midlothian recorded by the Council, whether from complaints, inspections, spot checks or otherwise reported.

Please refer to the three attached Enquiry Forms.

As detailed above, the sinkhole was reported to our Parks and Greenspaces service on 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> June 2024. There are no other reports of damage to the path.

Details of the Council's policy or guidance on the timescales within which the repairs to the defects and the damage to the pavement at the Burnside Path, Edinburgh, Midlothian were prioritised to repair.

As the path is not adopted by the Council, there is no such policy or guidance held.

In this case, a Roads team was called out to make the path safe and installed resin barriers at either end for public safety on 02/06/2024.

Details of maintenance and repairs, including works that were instructed and finally completed to defects or damage to the pavements at the Burnside Path, Edinburgh, Midlothian.

Stitch repairs were carried out to the wall and concrete poured to prevent undermining of wall. There was installation of sheet piling to prevent further damage to the retaining wall. There was backfill and surface repairs completed to a section of the sinkhole.

Details of all independent contractors relating to work carried out by them, including the location of such works, to the pavement at the Burnside Path, Edinburgh, Midlothian.

Mott MacDonald (Consultants)

Covanburn Contracts (Contractor)

Details of all correspondence by the Council to third parties requesting repairs to defects to the pavement at the Burnside Path, Edinburgh, Midlothian.

There is no such correspondence held.