

64093 Pothole on the A90 & Council Tax apportioned to road maintenance

Can you also let me know what time of day the road was inspected and what the weather/lighting conditions were at the time.

The information held by the Council indicates that a mobile inspection was undertaken at the location on 09/03/26.

We do not routinely record the specific time at which each individual inspection is undertaken, and we do not record the weather or lighting conditions at the time of the inspection.

As stated in my claim form a pothole of that size did not appear overnight. I would be grateful if you could please let me see a copy of that report and to confirm that the person carrying out the inspection was qualified to do so.

Please see Site History Report attached. The City of Edinburgh Council uses the SCOTS Risk-Based Approach to Safety Defect Inspections methodology when undertaking road safety inspections. Road safety inspectors undertaking these inspections are required to undertake the relevant Road Safety Inspectors' Modular Training and Assessment. This training is provided by an accredited training provider and is aligned with the training framework established by the UK Roads Leadership Group.

Also your freedom of information has stated that there were only 4 reports of the pothole having been reported to the Council. I had to report the pothole before making the claim so what has happened to the remaining 16 plus reports. Also the AA and Bear Scotland reported it yet your freedom of information does not record Bear Scotland's report.

For clarity, the figures provided in response to EDIR:60945 related to different categories of information held by the Council.

The figure of 20 provided in that request, related to compensation claims for vehicle damage received by the Council for the road A90 and for the period specified in that request, namely 8-15/03/2026. This figure represents claims received for all incidents that occurred within this period, not relating to any specific location on A90, and up to the date when that request was processed on 24/04/26.

Compensation claims can be submitted after the date on which an incident is alleged to have occurred. Consequently, the date a claim is received does not necessarily correspond with the date of the alleged incident or when it was first reported to the Council.

The figure of 4 related to reports recorded within the specified period and at or around the coordinates provided in the request, namely 55.979896760875654, -3.36202884996949695.

The two figures therefore cannot be directly compared. The figure of 20 relates to compensation claims received for the A90 during a particular timeframe, whereas the figure of 4 relates to defect reports recorded for the specific location and period identified in the request. It should also be noted that not all defect reports result in a compensation claim being submitted.

The Council's response was based on the information recorded in the relevant systems and the scope and wording of the information requested at that time.

In relation to AA or BEAR Scotland reports, we have reviewed the records available and no reports attributed to the AA or BEAR Scotland were identified in the Council's asset management system records for 15/03/26 in connection with the location and period specified in the request. There is, however, a recorded Out of Hours report from Police Scotland dated 15/03/26 at 17:05:13.

We can only provide information that is recorded and held within the systems searched. The absence of an AA or BEAR Scotland report within those records does not allow us to confirm whether either organisation contacted the Council by another means or whether any such contact was subsequently recorded elsewhere.

I would also like to know what portion of the £293 we pay in Council tax each month is apportioned to road maintenance.

Information not held. Other than in the case of the Housing Revenue Account, we combine all the Council's funding sources (primarily Government Grant, Business Rates, Council Tax and income from fees and charges) in supporting service provision. While there are elements of the council's grant funding that are ringfenced for specific purposes, most funding received is a block grant and this is allocated across services as part of the annual budget setting process. Further information on [Local Government funding](#) is provided on the Scottish Government's website.