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Dear

Freedom of Information Act M40 junctions 7 to 6 southbound

Thank you for your email of 12 July requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 about current road maintenance policy, road safety inspections, defect and repair history for the period 9 March 2019 to 9 May 2019.

We have now completed our search for the requested information. I have extracted elements of your request and respond as follows:

- 1. A copy of your current road maintenance policy relating to that road. Please send me the full policy, and this should include details of the intended frequency of road safety inspections, how these inspections should be conducted and the maximum time between identification of a defect and repairs being carried out.***

The policies are set out in the Trunk Road Maintenance Manual and the Routine Maintenance Management System. These are available online:

Trunk Road Maintenance Manual:

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/580372/Annex_A.pdf

Routine Maintenance Management System:

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/580373/Annex_B.pdf

- 2. A copy of the road repair history for that road over the past year. Again, please send me the full road repair history but this should include:***

- dates of all safety inspections between 9 March 2019 and 9 May 2019***

- **details of how safety inspections were undertaken (walked, driven, speed of inspection vehicle etc)**
- **details of all carriageway defects identified, with description, date and time.**
- **details of how you handle these defects, what repairs were undertaken and the time between identification of each defect and a repair being carried out.**

The M40 is inspected daily by at least one inspector and a driver from a vehicle driven at traffic speed.

Attachments:

- [Annex A](#) provides information relating to the daily debris and safety patrols completed within the specified period. This also includes litter picking information.
- [Annex B](#) provides information relating to a pothole repair reported on 9 May and made safe on 10 May.
- [Annex C](#) provides information relating to all safety inspections completed and those defects found during those safety inspections within the specified period.
- [Annex D](#) and [Annex E](#) provide pothole repair information for marker post locations between junctions 6 and 7 in both directions.

All personal information has been redacted in reliance of Section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act.

If you are unhappy with the way we have handled your request you may ask for an internal review. Our internal review process is available at:
<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/highways-england/about/complaints-procedure>

If you require a print copy, please phone our Customer Contact Centre on 0300 123 5000; or email info@highwaysengland.co.uk. You should contact me if you wish to complain.

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

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

If you have any queries about this letter, please contact me. Please remember to quote reference number 100110 in any future communications.

Yours sincerely

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