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Dear

Freedom of Information Act M40 junction 6 southbound

Thank you for your email of 28 February and 5 April requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 about the current road maintenance policy, road safety inspections, defect and repair history for the period 11 December 2019 to 11 February 2020. Please accept my apologies for the lateness of this reply. My investigation found that your request was inadvertently overlooked.

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 part of the road over the past two months. Again, please send me the full road repair history, but this should include:***

- **dates of all safety inspections between 11/12/2019 to 11/02/2020**
- **details of how safety inspections were undertaken (walked or driven, speed of inspection vehicle etc)**
- **details of all carriageway defects identified, with description, date and time**
- **details of how the authority handled these defects, what repairs were undertaken and the time between the 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.

Safety inspections were completed on the following dates:

16 December 2019
 23 December 2019
 30 December 2019
 6 January 2020
 13 January 2020
 20 January 2020
 27 January 2020
 3 February 2020
 10 February 2020

Additionally, daily safety patrols were carried out in accordance with the Routine Maintenance Management System (RMMS).

All safety inspections are undertaken in accordance with RMMS and daily safety patrols are carried out at a speed of approximately 5mph from the hard shoulder.

Details of defects found and the associated repair can be found at Annex A.

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 101036 in any future communications.

Yours sincerely

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