

East Lothian Council

EIR Ref: 2018/250(482291)

Please provide the following:

- 1. How many potholes/roads needing repaired have been reported to the Council in each of the last five years, broken down by year?**

2012/13	no data held*
2013/14	1291
2014/15	1200
2015/16	2393
2016/17	2287

*Under Regulation 10(4)(a) of the Environmental Information (Scotland) Regulations 2004, I must formally advise you that East Lothian Council (ELC) has been unable to comply with this part of your request as the information you require is not held.

- 2. What is the total amount spent by the Council on road repairs in each of the last five years, broken down by year.**

2012/13	£287,738
2013/14	£246,726
2014/15	£181,858
2015/16	£296,065
2016/17	£321,442

- 3. What is the total number of potholes which have been filled by the Council in each of the last five years?**

2012/13	no data held*
2013/14	1278
2014/15	1199
2015/16	2393
2016/17	2684

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- 4. What is the current backlog of road repairs needing to be tackled by the council?**

205 outstanding pothole repairs at 20 March 2018.

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5. How many compensation claims have been made against the Council in each of the last five years (broken down by year) as a result of vehicle damage related to roads/potholes.

Please refer to the table below.

6. What has been the total cost to the Council of compensation payments relating to claims made against the Council as a result

Please refer to the table below.

	Total Paid	Number paid	Number Repudiated	Number of claims received
2012/13	£6,098	14	40	54
2013/14	£5,053	17	42	59
2014/15	£2,354	12	31	53
2015/16	£1,988	12	47	58
2016/17	£3,489	12	32	44
2017/18 (to 01/03/18)	£3,379	10	36	60*

*not all claims have been finalised.

For information, a report published by Audit Scotland in August 2016 showed that East Lothian was ranked 9th out of 32 authorities in Scotland for road condition indicators. The overall conditions of our roads have remained broadly consistent in the last few years, and while the recent bad weather has some effect on the condition of our roads, we are continuing to invest in the maintenance and repairs of our local road network to keep East Lothian moving.