

## **FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 - Junction Colchester Road / Elmcroft Avenue**

Your request for information has now been considered and the Council's response to your questions is shown below.

### **You asked:**

1. Please can you provide any further details about the circumstances of the 2 reported accidents in the period 1 January 2008 to 31 December 2010?

Please see attached:

[AnsAttch1 Colchester Rd & Elmcroft Ave - Accidents Location Plan.PDF](#)

[AnsAttch2 Colchester Rd & Elmcroft Ave - Accidents Details.PDF](#)

2. Please could you provide details of road traffic accidents which have occurred at the junction (Colchester Road/Elmcroft Avenue) from 2000 to date?

Please see attached:

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The attached shows a plan and details of all recorded personal injury accidents at this location between the 1 January 2000 and the 31 December 2010. The triangles within the red circle are the locations of each individual accident.

We have examined the database of recorded personal injury accidents for the current calendar year. There is no record of any reported personal injury accidents occurring at the junction thus far in 2011. The database is reliant on information supplied by the police through Leicestershire County Council. As such there can be a time lag between the occurrence of an accident and its appearance on the database.

3. We note that the shrubs were pruned twice a year in March and October 2010. Please provide copies of the records to support this work being carried out. Please also confirm what dates in these months the shrubs were pruned?

Please see attached:

[AnsAttch3 Work Instructions 6051.pdf](#)

The shrubs were trimmed at the start of Winter pruning which is the end of October 2009, at the end of March 2010, it was done again in October 2010. (Work Sheets for November and June)

Shrub maintenance on highway shrubs is currently only being done upon the issuing of specific instructions with expenditure codes for charging costs. This

is as a result of the routine shrub maintenance budget being significantly reduced as part of budget cutbacks generally.

Colchester Road is routinely inspected 4 times per year under our highway safety inspection regime and shrub growth issues will be noted as part of those inspections and looked at. Parks were issued with an instruction to cut back the shrubs to their previous level on 15th July 2011.

4. Question - Please confirm whether the frequency of pruning at the junction is still twice a year?

This decision will be for Highways as all programmed pruning works were cut this year as part of the budget balancing exercise and works are now undertaken on an instruction basis, i.e. not programmed to be undertaken automatically as in the past.

**Additional Question received 17 August 2011**

3. Could you also confirm whether or not there was a Highways Engineer's report prepared after the accident which occurred on 27 October 2010 and if so please could you provide me with a copy of the report?

Road Safety Engineers from the Road Safety Team at Leicester City Council do not perform site visits at the location of fatal accidents and do not write any engineering reports on fatal accidents. That is, unless they were to form part of an accident cluster site whereby 9 or more personal injury accidents have occurred within a 50m radius over a 36 month period. In that case, a road safety engineer would examine the accident record and complete a Stage 1 Accident Report on the cluster site. The junction of Colchester Road and Elmcroft Avenue is not an accident cluster site.

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e-mail: [FOIA@leicester.gov.uk](mailto:FOIA@leicester.gov.uk)

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**Wycliffe House**

**Water Lane**

**Wilmslow SK9 5AF**

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Yours sincerely



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**Head of Information Governance**

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