

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 - Road Traffic Collisions

Please accept our apologies for the delay in responding to your request this was partially due to Cllr Allen no longer being a Councillor at the authority. We wanted to ensure we carried out a thorough search of our archives for information we still held as a council.

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

You asked:

- 1. How many road traffic collisions have occurred on the Colchester Road area in the last 10 years?**
 - a) When did these collisions occur?**
 - b) How many caused serious / fatal injuries and how many would be deemed as 'slight' or 'minor'?**

[Please see attached](#)

[RedAnsAttch1 0543 Intermediate Report - Colchester Rd Area 2011.11.03](#)
[RedAnsAttch2 0543 Plan of Colchester Rd Area - Accident Locations](#)

- 2. How many road traffic collisions have occurred on the Colchester Road to Elmcroft Ave junction in the last 10 years - the postcode for the location being LE5 2DF?**
 - a) When did these collisions occur?**
 - b) How many caused serious / fatal injuries and how many would be deemed as 'slight' or 'minor'?**

[Please see attached](#)

[RedAnsAttch3 0543 Colchester Rd & Elmcroft Ave - Accidents Location](#)
[RedAnsAttch4 0543 Colchester Rd & Elmcroft Ave - Accidents Details](#)
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. When in the last 3 years were the bushes in the central reservation by the Colchester Road / Elmcroft Avenue junction trimmed?

Please see attached

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RedAnsAttch6 WorkInstructions 861 Oct-Nov winter prune 2009
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During 2009 and 2010 the shrubs were trimmed in June/July and October/November each year. (Work Sheets for June and October, 2009 and 2010 included).

4. To what height were they trimmed?

The shrubs are trimmed to approximately 18" high.

a) Were they maintained to schedule?

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.

Up until this April (2011) the shrubs were inspected and pruned on 2 occasions each year - during the summer months and in the autumn.

Since April 2011, Highway shrub maintenance has been carried out upon receipt of specific instructions from Regeneration Highways and Transportation officers.

b) Did additional maintenance take place? If so, When?

Yes, an instruction was issued to cut back the shrubs to their previous level on 15 July 2011, and the work was carried out week commencing 18 July, taking the grown back to its previous level of 18".

5. Cllr John Allen has been campaigning about the safety of the road, and the bushes in the area – could you please provide as much information about this as possible?

Please see attached

RedAnsAttch9 0543 Min Extract - Colchester Rd 28-3-11.doc

The attached contains extracts from the Thurncourt Community Meeting where this issue was discussed and where former Councillor Allen was in attendance as a Councillor.

The minute extract does refer to a petition, this was never actually received or therefore, responded to.

There are no records of Councillor Allen having used the Members Enquiry System to progress any campaigning on this issue.

6. Where in the area (1 mile radius) are there CCTV cameras, and where do they face?

Please see the list below of CCTV approximately one mile around Colchester Road. All cameras are capable of 360 degree rotation and therefore can face anywhere.

Green Lane Rd
Coleman Rd
Crown Hills
Littlemore Rd
Rowlatt Hills Rd
Davison Close
Illingworth Rd
Allinson Close
Balderstone Close
Turner Walk
Barnes Heath Rd
Ocean Rd
Dudley Lane
Thurncourt Rd
Braybrooke Rd
Capesthorne Close
Holkham Avenue
Northfield Rd
Tomlin Rd
Hastings Rd
Tailby Avenue
Martival
Claydon Rd
Uppingham Rd / The Portway
Uppingham Rd / Colchester Rd

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Yours sincerely

Lynn Wyeth
Head of Information Governance

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