

EIR Request (received 20 March 2022) - Reference: DFI/2022-0101

Please provide, under FOI rules, a list of all roads programmed for resurfacing in the Lagan Valley Parliamentary Constituency area for next year (2022-2023).

Response (issued 14 April 2022)

Thank you for your email dated 20 March 2022 requesting, under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, a list of all roads programmed for resurfacing in the Lagan Valley Parliamentary Constituency area for the financial year 2022-2023.

In considering your request on behalf of the Department, I have determined the information requested falls under the aegis of the Environmental Information Regulations 2004, as opposed to the FOI Act 2000.

A guide explaining the Environmental Information Regulations can be found at:

<https://ico.org.uk/for-organisations/guide-to-the-environmental-information-regulations/what-are-the-eir/>.

The Department does not hold or collate information by Parliamentary Constituency, rather information is held on either a DfI Roads Section Office or District Council area basis. The Lagan Valley Parliamentary Constituency includes areas of the following Section Offices in both Southern and Eastern Divisions:

- DfI Roads Southern Division: parts of Armagh, Banbridge, Craigavon East Section and Newry, Mourne and Down East Section fall within the Lagan Valley Parliamentary Constituency; and
- DfI Eastern Division: Lisburn and Castlereagh Section and a small part of Belfast South are also within the Lagan Valley Parliamentary Constituency.

I am sorry to advise that as the Department's allocations for 2022/3 have not yet been confirmed, our resurfacing programmes for 2022-2023 are not yet available. Following confirmation of the 2022-2023 budget settlement, details of the proposed works programmes will be included in the Department's 2022-2023 Annual Reports, which will be presented to the respective Councils during the summer months and published thereafter.

It should also be noted that such works are dependent on the successful award of replacement asphalt resurfacing contracts.