

(CCC) Street works in Cambridge

This is a request for disclosure of information relating to street works carried out in Cambridge, in particular works which we believe have been carried out by and on behalf of CityFibre Limited during 2019 and 2020.

We request the following information:

1. A briefing note is published on your website regarding works, available via the following link:
<https://democracy.cambridge.gov.uk/documents/s45726/City%20Fibre%20Briefing%20Note.pdf>. Please provide all documentation relating to negotiations and agreements with CityFibre relating to the installation of their network as set out in this briefing note. We anticipate that the documents will largely pre-date this briefing note, which is from March 2019.
2. Details of any conditions imposed on CityFibre (and/or its appointed contractors and sub-contractors), whether voluntarily accepted or otherwise, as to the management and carrying out of its works. When answering, please specify whether such conditions were imposed specifically in relation to CityFibre's works, or whether they are general policies (and if the later, please provide copies of such policies).
3. Without prejudice to the generality of the request under paragraph 2 above, details of any restrictions on:
 - 3.1 The number and location of any live works being carried out at any one point or over a period of site. For example, was CityFibre (and/or its appointed contractors and sub-contractors) limited in the number of gangs it was allowed to have operating in the city at any particular time?
 - 3.2 The extent of open excavations allowed. For example, was CityFibre (and/or its appointed contractors and sub-contractors) limited in the amount of open ductwork it was allowed to leave overnight?
 - 3.3 The construction methodology adopted. For example, was CityFibre (and/or its appointed contractors and sub-contractors) required to carry out its excavation and reinstatement work in a prescribed manner?
4. To the extent any of the conditions referred to in paragraphs 3 and 4 above changed over time, including after the start of works (which we understand to have commenced in or around march 2019), details of those changes.
5. Copies of reports, meeting minutes and policies relating to CityFibre's works in the city.

Thank you for your request for information above, which we have dealt with under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

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I hope the following will answer your query:

The City Council has not entered into any contracts as such with CityFibre. Their network is being laid as a commercial proposition and not as something the City Council has procured or contracted them to do.

Apart from works on HRA (Housing Revenue Account) land where the City Council would have granted a way-leave, permissions or other arrangements for street works would have been granted by the Cambridgeshire Highways Authority.

You are therefore advised to approach Cambridgeshire County Council via foi@cambridgeshire.gov.uk regarding your questions on this matter.

Further queries on this matter should be directed to foi@cambridge.gov.uk
