

Member Guidance for online checking of Highway Assets

If trying to check Highways ownership, start with www.essexhighways.org website front page, scrolling down beyond the large orange box, to the 6 blue boxes.

1. In the bottom right one, click on "highways interactive map" which will open slowly with a large T's&C box in the middle - click the grey **accept** button, lower right, & the map opens up properly.
2. You can then scroll around, to move the map to your chosen area, or you can use the address search in a purple box on the left.
3. Once at a comfortable scale / viewpoint, find the "Map Categories", left of the map & click on the little white box, to the right of "Assets" the map will colour up with lots of dots & lines, most likely more than you will be looking for!
4. To remove what you're NOT looking for, scroll down the list of different assets on the left & untick the ones you don't want. For example, looking for PROWs - untick everything except "Public Rights of Way".
5. Looking for Highways ownership generically, you may wish to see more than one set of assets, so "Highway & Footway Network" & "Highway Record" is a good selection.
6. In the case of Harlow, it's a good example of a lot of green-shaded Essex Highways (EH) ownership, interspersed with quite a lot of yellow solid lines (Private Roads) and yellow dashes (Private footways), neither of which are maintained or owned by EH. It is suspected that a number of these are also cycleways.

I find this part of the website very useful for most enquiries I receive, as a useful first port of call before putting significant effort into an answer to something that is actually the responsibility of another organisation – in Harlow's case, likely to be HDC; maybe a housing association, or estate management organisation?

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