

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING – 13TH DECEMBER 2018

**Question to Helen Fisher
Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport**

By Kyle Robinson

Question

Three and a half months ago I reported a collapsed drain on Lower Ash Road in my division (4134612). Can the Cabinet Member for Highways please inform me when this collapsed drain will be repaired?

The problem with this particular drain, next to a well-used bus stop, was also reported in the local newspaper in August 2018 and in a statement the County Council said:

“We will be returning as soon as possible for further investigation before deciding on the best course of action.”

The ‘best course of action’ has done nothing to resolve the problem and my own report to the County Council has been closed by the investigating officer. Flooding at this location has become much worse in recent months, creating a severe hazard for vehicle users and pedestrians.

Reply

A report of a faulty drain and standing water on Lower Ash Road, Kidsgrove was reported by Cllr. Robinson, using the on-line ‘Report it’ tool on 27th August 2018.

This report was linked to an existing job and was attended to by the highways team two weeks later, on 13th September.

The highway gully and drainage system was cleansed and found to be in good condition. No further works are planned by the Highways team.

However, it was also identified that the carrier storm system, which is the responsibility of United Utilities, appears to be damaged or blocked and during heavy rain is surcharging back up the highway gully on to Lower Ash Road.

The highways team have notified United Utilities of the problem and are waiting a further update on their investigations and planned actions.

I’d kindly ask Cllr. Robinson to support these actions by following up directly with United Utilities.