

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING – 24TH MAY 2018

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

By Kyle Robinson

Question

There are a number of blocked drains in my division – some of the worst on the A34 Congleton Road and Hardingswood Road. These blocked drains were reported to the council well over two years ago and they have still not received any treatment. Please can I ask the Cabinet Support Member for Highways and Transport to intervene and urge prioritisation for these areas which have been prone to flooding in the past?

Reply

Our records show that routine gully emptying was carried out on the A34 Congleton Rd, Butt Lane in both 2016 and 2017. It is possible that some may have been missed, perhaps due to park cars, but those that were cleansed were all left running with no known problems. There are currently no customer reported problems with gullies along this section of the A34 and therefore no reactive tasks planned either. However, further routine cleansing will be carried out later this year as part of the annual cleansing programme.

With regard to Hardingswood Rd our records show one report of blocked gullies, made by Cllr. Robinson in February of this year. This location has a 3-year cleansing frequency and these blocked gullies will be attended to during 2018 as part of this programme.

Following a number of productivity improvements in the gully emptying operation the Countywide gully emptying schedules are currently being reviewed and will be updated and available on the Members Highways Portal later in the summer.