

County Council Meeting – 9 February 2023**Question to Councillor David Williams
Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport****By Councillor Hussain**

Question

Many gullies do not function even after cyclical cleaning and maintenance; however, replaced gullies work effectively and are proving to be a sustainable remedy. Will the council prioritise the replacement of old gullies to prevent roadsides flooding as a long-term solution?

Reply

Most examples of standing water are as a result of intense periods of rainfall exceeding the design capacity of highway gullies. Most often once the intensity of the rainfall eases the ponding water is able to drain away.

However, where standing water is identified as a regular problem, investigation is needed to determine the cause. Often problems exist with other parts of the drainage system managed by third-parties – for example at the outfall or within the carrier system, but sometimes the problem can be with the highway gully chamber itself.

Where the highway gully chamber is at fault, repair or replacement is programmed in accordance with the level of priority determined by risk to public safety and/or property damage.

Highway drainage systems are routinely inspected and modernised as part of planned programme of highway capital maintenance and renewal schemes.

In recent years the council has also invested in a programme of old Victorian gully pot replacements in Burton that were known to be causing particular local problems.

If a particular gully or collection of gullies is of local concern the local member can also use their local DHP funding allocation and local leverage to help accelerate repair or replacement.
