

DELEGATED DECISIONS BY CABINET MEMBER FOR TRANSPORT MANAGEMENT – 10 OCTOBER 2024

ITEM 2 – QUESTIONS FROM COUNTY COUNCILLORS

<p>1. COUNCILLOR MARK CHERRY</p> <p>Whilst I appreciate Oxfordshire seen a lot of storms and heavy rainfall of late, can I draw your attention to the ongoing issue with the overcapacity storm drain outside 51 the fairway? This location has seen flooding over the last two- or three-years. Highways engineers have inspected and found some sort of blockage in the storm drainage and there has been ongoing liaison between the County Council and Thames Water, but we are still awaiting a schedule of excavation works.</p> <p>Would the Cabinet Member keep local Banbury Ruscote ward councillors in the loop on when this issue will be resolved?</p>	<p>COUNCILLOR ANDREW GANT, CABINET MEMBER FOR TRANSPORT MANAGEMENT</p> <p>You are right, the County Council and its contractors are dealing with many challenges and requests regarding drainage matters. Oxfordshire County Council are only responsible for the highway gullies and connections, the wider drainage system is owned and managed by Thames Water. I can confirm officers are liaising with Thames Water, but the resolution is very much with them. I have asked officers to keep you informed of progress made and to share any updates on timeframe for repairs when they are informed of this by Thames Water.</p>
<p>2. COUNCILLOR MARK CHERRY</p> <p>Can the Cabinet Member for Transport Management, Cllr Andrew Gant, note that the area from 276-264 Warwick Road continues to</p>	<p>COUNCILLOR ANDREW GANT, CABINET MEMBER FOR TRANSPORT MANAGEMENT</p> <p>I can confirm that work orders have been raised to clear the gullies outside 276 Warwick Road. However, these gullies are connected to the Thames Water surface water sewer which may be out of capacity</p>

<p>flood as there is root ingress in a lot of the old storm drains from the trees? Consequentially flood driveways of resident who have had to put up with this situation for over eight years. Can the Cabinet Member assure me that funding will be available to rectify this long running issue?</p>	<p>at times. Therefore, we cannot guarantee that removal of the root ingress will fully resolve the issue. With downpours of exceptional volumes of water, such as happened recently, flooding may still occur as systems become overwhelmed by the sheer volume of water coming down in a short timeframe.</p> <p>The budget priority for drainage maintenance that is the responsibility of the county council is risk based and targeted at the many locations that are in flood prone areas and that have experienced highway flooding.</p>

Questions are listed in the order in which they were received. Should any questioner not have received an answer in that time , a written answer will be provided.