

Background.

MGWSP are Northamptonshire County Councils service provider for highways we carry out maintenance to the counties policies as laid down in the Highway Maintenance Contract.

Gullies.

In General all gullies emptied on cycle once every year. Main roads may be less frequent due to lower silt levels and TM requirements..

Particular problem this year following bad winter where we had to mix salt and sharp sand

Average winter 15,000 tonnes salt, last winter 20,000 tonnes salt and further 5,000 tonnes sharp sand.

Gullies should have water trap to keep back smells from combined sewers so will never be totally empty of water .

5 gulley emptiers full time in county.

GPS Tracking logging individual gullies and silt levels. Trying to sort out what frequency should be by street to make operation more efficient.

Problems.

Parked cars.

Hope to jointly work with KBC on clean sweep.

Road closure initiative using traffic wardens and temporary prohibition of parking trialled in Northampton however this will only happen in areas where we have a particular problem associated with flooding. Due to cost.

In isolated situations we have gone in with one of our two man units and dealt with individual gullies.

Traffic Management. Main roads in rural high speed areas and major routes where traffic flows and widths present a problem will usually be done every two years.

Kettering gullies. Peculiar to Kettering area, especially in the older streets these are virtually un maintainable except by hand.

These are being replaced where reconstruction schemes are carried out but funding for these schemes is severely limited and likely to get worse.

Flooding Issues. Where we are having flooding issues that affect property or safety we will be taking action to solve the issues. We have a very large backlog of individual gullies not working that will take several years to sort out and the list is growing.

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