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OUR REF: **CLLR LC 528**

Dear Mr Robinson
RE: Church Minshull

Thank you for your email dated 2nd September 2020 regarding flooding and various highway issues which has been forwarded to us for a response by the Portfolio Holder for Highways.

Please accept our sincere apologies for the delay in providing a response and for the inconvenience this has caused.

The maintenance to unblock gullies on Cross Lane has been delayed due to other nearby works that have required road closures. Now that Boulderstone Bridge works are complete and Middlewich Road has been re-opened we are now able to request a Temporary Traffic Regulation Order to close Cross Lane and implement a local diversion in order to jet the gullies safely. It is anticipated this may take four to six weeks to allow for all necessary notifications to be issued for the road closure.

The council is aware of the condition of the carriageway surface on Over Road and Minshull Lane and we undertake scheduled safety inspections at each location three times per year. We will also carry out ad-hoc inspections following reports received.

The latest inspection of Over Road took place on 20th October 2020 and no actionable defects were identified. Minshull Lane was also inspected on 20th October 2020 and fifteen actionable defects were identified and repaired by 24th October 2020. The next inspections are due in February 2021.

Both locations have been identified as being suitable for a future level 2 carriageway surface treatment programme. Each road will be scored and compared against other similar roads across the borough and work will be prioritised in accordance with the council's asset management-led approach.

Our overall approach to road condition and repairs is outlined in detail in the Code of Practice for Highway Safety Inspections and Road Condition Strategies, which are available on our website through the following links:

https://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/highways_and_roads/road-maintenance/highway-asset-management.aspx

https://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/highways_and_roads/road-maintenance/road-condition-and-repairs.aspx

Cheshire East Highways is responsible for the management of the bridges in Church Minshull. The accumulation of silt between the spans is due to the natural interaction between the river and the structure. We proactively manage the risk of scour to structures and should the silt cause serious risks to the passage of water, we would look to work with the Environment Agency to minimise this.

With regards to the flooding concerns a walkover survey was undertaken by the Environment Agency and the Lead Local Flood Authority (LLFA) on 29th January 2020 to review local flooding mechanisms, the influence of the hydro scheme on the River Weaver (the main river) and Eel Brook (ordinary watercourse) and the siltation under the bridge arch on the River Weaver.

The Environment Agency concluded that the hydro scheme did not influence the water level in Eel Brook tributary and they found no issue with the conveyance capacity in the river caused by the siltation in one of the bridge arches. The likely cause of flooding is the high water level in the River Weaver backing up and causing high flows down Eel Brook.

We acknowledge the risk of flooding in this area but as the Environment Agency is satisfied with the flooding mechanisms in place, the council has no further capital works planned at this location.

We would advise you to contact the Environment Agency in the first instance regarding flooding concerns:

<http://apps.environment-agency.gov.uk/contact/>

We hope the above information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely

The Cheshire East Highways Team