


# MEMBER'S WRITTEN QUESTION



Member submitting the question: Cllr Ian Bowyer	
Date received by Democratic Support:	
To the Cabinet Member for Street Services	
<p>Question:</p> <p>Can you please state the number and location of all drains proactively cleared in Egguckland Ward in readiness for this winter?</p> <p>Ian Bowyer</p>	
<p>Answer:</p> <p>Plymouth Highways are currently working on a risk based gully cleaning programme in accordance with guidance from the Department for Transport. Whereas previously a gully crew would attempt to clear as many gullies as possible within each ward we now have a targeted cleansing programme. An inspection is undertaken by our partners, InTouch Smart Water, of every gully where the silt levels and any other potential defects are recorded. Based on this information a target cleanse is then issued to South West Highways to clean only the gullies that require work. This will, therefore, ensure our resources are directed to those assets that need attention. When gullies are identified for cleansing this will also include jetting the line to prove its integrity. If, however, the gully does not function following this work it will be identified for further investigation starting with a CCTV to ascertain the exact issue so repair works can be programmed. Over the next few years this approach will provide us with an intelligence led and evidence based programme of cyclical cleaning.</p> <p>With regard to your ward in particular I can confirm that the annual inspection was completed in September this year and the associated cleansing work has now been ordered and programmed to start this month (December). For information, a total 1294 gullies have been identified in the ward for cleaning under this cyclical approach. I am able to confirm that 324 gullies have been cleared on a reactive basis this calendar year from reports received from Councillors, the public, and our own Inspectors. For a location of the gulleys, a full list can be available upon request.</p>	
Signed:	Date: 9 December 2019
	
Councillor Sue Dann	

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