

QUESTION BY COUNCILLOR

PLYMOUTH
CITY COUNCIL

Question submitted by: Councillor Mrs Terri Beer

To Cabinet Member: Councillor John Stephens

Question:

Thank you for replying to my last question regarding the breakdown of the costs of the Cot Hill Crossing. I don't like percentages and they don't mean that much so can I now request a full breakdown of the Cot Hill Crossing and associated works in monetary value? Did South West Water contribute due to the drainage works? In monetary terms please? Was SWH the only contractor who submitted a bid for the cost of this work? There is confusion over the costs already quoted because as of 21st November the council statement issued states that the funding came from the former Sustrans £413,000 that leaves the question of the £17,000 difference so where did this funding come from? Was there any contribution from the Police to fund the Camera installation? If not who is funding this and from what budget. I hope this question is clear and you can provide a transparent reply.

Response: (for completion by City Council officers and Cabinet Members)

Further to your enquiry please see below:

Item	(£k)	(%)
Site Setup & Compound	£19,000	4%
Traffic Management	£81,000	19%
Main Works	£209,000	49%
SWH Staff, HGV &/or Operatives	£32,000	7%
PCC Staff	£16,000	4%
Design/Supervision/Contract Management	£23,000	5%
Speed Camera	£ 29,000	7%
Misc (legal, comms, stats (in part))	£ 21,000	5%
<i>*Estimated outturn prior to final accounts</i>	<i>£ 430,000</i>	

Drains can be the responsibility of PCC or SWW.

- Where they belong to SWW e.g. the clanking manhole on Cot Hill, SWW undertook work to fix their asset at their cost. You will note that this no longer 'clanks' when traffic passes over it. We wouldn't know the monetary cost to SWW. This wasn't the only repair they undertook; they repaired their broken drain as per the image below at their own cost.



- Where they belong to PCC e.g. on Cot Hill where we installed a second gulley to help mitigate the issue of leaf fall and a single gulley becoming blocked during heavy rain. This is a 'main works' scheme cost.



Like many Local Authorities Plymouth City Council tenders a 'Term Maintenance Contract' for competitive bids. South West Highways won the Term Maintenance Contract and as a result we appointed them to undertake the construction of the scheme through this contract.

Sustrans funded the project for £398k. Towards the end of the project with some unspent external funding remaining we sought to resurface and improve the footpath on Marshall Road. As this was unaffordable within the £398k we sought to and secured an additional £15k from Walk Wheel Cycle Trust and up to £17k from our internal resurfacing budget to undertake these additional improvements.



The replacement of the camera was funded through the scheme budget.

I trust this provides the reassurances sought. Should you have any questions or queries please feel free to contact me.

Signed:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Thomas Stevens".

Dated: 8th December 2025