

Response to Request for Information

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Blackbrook Way and Abbeyfield Road

Request:

I would like to make a request under the freedom of information act

Can I request the following information regarding work undertaken to unblock underground pipes on a watercourse called Waterhead brook between Blackbrook Way and Abbeyfield Rd. The work was undertaken between Oct 17 and April 18 and involved clearing blocked pipes and installing inspection chambers in a field in the middle of the underground culvert

- 1 How much did it cost to unblock the 2 pipes underground from the culvert to the outlet. This includes the cost of all labour and machinery hire and contractor cost?
[The cost of the desilting operation for Blackbrook twin culvert was £30,000](#)
- 2 How much did it cost to insert an inspection chamber (Manhole x 2) in the middle of the underground pipes. This includes the cost of all labour and machinery hire and contractor cost?
[The cost of constructing the manhole chambers at the midpoint of the Blackbrook twin culvert was £8,200](#)
- 3 Was Both underground pipes fully cleared completely or was one pipe only partially cleaned?
[Both sides of the twin culvert were fully cleansed.](#)
- 4 Was there an intervention by the Health and Safety executive regards work on this project. If so what was it for and outcome?
[There was no intervention from the Health and Safety Executive.](#)
- 5 Prior to the major works undertaken in 2017 what year did the council last fully clean the underground pipes out?
[No information available.](#)
- 6 Following the work undertaken to unblock-the culvert pipes what maintenance schedule is in place to ensure these do not block again. Monthly, yearly etc?
[Routine fortnightly inspection and cleansing of brook grid at this location with ad hoc cleansing as necessary. Monitoring of silt deposition to Blackbrook twin culvert, to determine when future desilting operations are necessary.](#)

- 7 What was the reason for this engineering works to take place?
Construction of the manhole chambers is to aid routine cleansing/de silting of Blackbrook twin culvert. The desilting works were necessary because of silt deposition within Blackbrook twin culvert.
- 8 What was the extent of the blockage of the culvert prior to the work been undertaken?
Looking downstream from the upstream brook grid of Blackbrook twin culvert, the left culvert was silted to approximately 60% of its depth and the right culvert was silted to approximately 20% of its depth.
- 9 How many times has the culvert in this location Abbeyfield Road and Blackbrook Way blocked causing water to overflow into adjacent land in 2015-2016-2017-2018 and 2019?
No information available.
- 10 How many emergency calls have been made to reactive highways maintenance team (not the customer service line) to attend blockages of the culvert at Abbeyfield Road in 2015-2016-2017-2018 and 2019?
No emergency calls have been received by Reactive Highways Maintenance.
- 11 How many complaints have been logged phone calls e mails with the reactive highways maintenance team received about this location in 2015-2016-2017-2018 and 2019?
No complaints have been received by Reactive Highways Maintenance.