



REQUEST 18651

Time period for data relating to the request: 2023 and 2024, as well as 2025 year to date

1. How many reports of blocked highway drains did you receive in 2023 and in 2024, as well as 2025 year to date
2. How many blocked highway drains were reported more than once in 2023 and in 2024, as well as 2025 year to date
3. How many blocked highway drains did you clear in 2023 and in 2024, as well as 2025 year to date
4. How many individual homes flooded due to blocked highway drains in 2023 and in 2024, as well as 2025 year to date or How many individual homes in your area were affected by urban flash flooding in 2023 and in 2024, as well as 2025 year to date
5. How many acres [or square metres] of land was passed for new housing, commercial, industrial developments or car parks in 2023 and in 2024, as well as 2025 year to date

RESPONSE

1. Number of reported blocked gullies:
 - 2023: 1,312 cases reported
 - 2024: 986 cases reported
 - 2025 (January – October): 589 cases reported
2. Number of duplicated cases:
We are unable to provide accurate records relating to duplicated reports, as this data is not held in a format that allows reliable extraction or verification.
3. Number of completed tickets in Highway Asset Management system (excluding cyclic maintenance):
 - 2023: 1,300 tickets completed
 - 2024: 659 tickets completed
 - 2025 (January – October): 315 tickets completed
4. Flooding incidents within the borough typically result from a combination of factors, including but not limited to surface water runoff, blocked drainage systems, and capacity issues. As such, we do not hold data attributing flooding incidents to a single source.
5. This information is accessible via the Council's website at the following link. Please utilise the search function available on this webpage accordingly:

[Search and comment on planning applications](#)

Support and guidance on how to search the information the Council holds on this section of its website is available on the above webpage, but is also provided in the accompanying 'Public Access User Guide' PDF document and via the link to

the relevant page on the Council's website below:

[Idox PA for Planning User Guide](#)

6. How many residential properties were protected by new flood defences (including all flood mitigation measures) in 2023 and 2024, as well as 2025 year to date . Please split between existing properties and new build developments.

6. **Property-level flood protection measures:**

Responsibility for property-level flood protection lies with individual property owners. While we are aware that some residents have installed protective measures, we do not maintain a formal record of these installations.

Since 2023, the Council's Flood Risk Team has implemented several schemes aimed at reducing flood risk, including:

- **Bickershaw Lane:** Installation of attenuation ponds to reduce flood risk for approximately 24 properties.
- **The Rise and Key Route Network:** Installation of leaky dams to help protect 2 properties and key infrastructure.
- **Gathurst (near the station):** Opening of a culvert to reduce flood risk for 2 nearby properties.

Please note that this does not include ongoing schemes being developed in partnership with the Environment Agency and United Utilities, nor does it reflect works undertaken by other teams within the Council.