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Dear Sir/Madam

Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) Request ID: FOI751044361

Thank you for your request for information relating to Flash flooding reports.

You have requested the following information:

1. How many reports of blocked highway drains did you receive in 2023 and in 2024, as well as 2025 year to date

In response to Question 1, please see the figures provided below. However, please note the figures reflect the number of blocked gully enquiries received, not the number reported, as each enquiry may have multiple blocked gullies reported on it. Not all of the blocked gullies reported by members of the public will result in jobs being raised, as a job will only be raised where the gully is actually blocked on inspection (e.g. it may be leaf litter rather than being blocked).

2023 – 327 enquiries

2024 – 375 enquiries

2025 (to 09 October 2025) – 190 enquiries

2. How many blocked highway drains were reported more than once in 2023 and in 2024, as well as 2025 year to date

In response to Question 2, we confirm we hold the information which you have asked for, but we have estimated that the cost of meeting your request would exceed the cost limit of £450 specified in the Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees Regulations 2004). This represents the estimated cost of one person spending 18 hours or more, in determining whether the information is held, locating, retrieving and extracting it.

We estimate that in order to collate the information you have requested , an officer would be required to manually locate , retrieve and analyse each description of each separate enquiry in order to pinpoint the exact location of the gulley reported. Please note this may not have been reported to a precise location to be able to identify the exact gulley from the description provided (e.g. there may be several gulleys located near a junction). This part of your request has therefore been refused under section 12(2) of the Act.

3. How many blocked highway drains did you clear in 2023 and in 2024, as well as 2025 year to date

Please see the figures provided below. However, please note the below figures are for the number of blocked gully jobs completed, not the number of blocked gullies cleared, as each job may have multiple blocked gullies on it. The figures only include jobs that were raised by highways inspections as the gullies needed clearing and does not include gullies that have been cleansed as part of routine cleansing.

2023 – 411 jobs completed

2024 – 419 jobs completed

2025 (to 9th October 2025) – 870 jobs completed

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

In response to Question 4, we refer you to the attached table.

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

In response to Question 5, we confirm the information you requested falls under the exemption(s) in Section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, which relates to ‘information reasonably accessible to the applicant by other means.’

The exemption applies as the information is published and publicly available to view by accessing the Council website. You can find this from our online mapping system, where you can see what applications have been approved / refused, location, site area etc. Please use the following link:

<https://www.coventry.gov.uk/planning-development/coventry-online-planning-register>

This is not subject to the public interest test.

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.

We confirm that a total of 26 residential properties were better protected in Bablake ward in 2023. There were no more properties that benefited from flood defences (including mitigation) in 2024 and 2025 at this stage. However, please be advised that we have multiple projects in the pipeline but these have not yet been delivered.

Please note we are unable to split the data between existing properties and new-build developments as our system does not provide this information in a reportable format.

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If you are unhappy with the handling of your request, you can ask us to review our response. Requests for reviews should be submitted within 40 days of the date of receipt of our response to your original request – email: infogov@coventry.gov.uk

If you are unhappy with the outcome of our review, you can write to the Information Commissioner, who can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF or email icocasework@ico.org.uk.

Please remember to quote the reference number above in your response.

Yours faithfully

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