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Accidents and Drainage Issues at Finney Lane / Styal Road Cross Roads

We've received a number of complaints from residents about the prevalence of accidents at the Finney Lane / Styal Road Cross Roads. This junction falls under the jurisdiction of Manchester City Council. Therefore, the Independent Ratepayer Councillors have no control over this.

There was a serious accident at this location this week. Accidents are only recorded where there is an injury to those involved in it, so the official statistics for the junction suggest there is not a significant problem. We are trying to create a log of accidents to build up a picture of how serious the issue is. If you witness an accident please get in touch, with brief details and the date/time to help us make a record of this issue

One of the concerns raised is that there is often flooding at the traffic lights due to problems with the drainage. The flooding is caused by water running off the Atlas Business Park site owned by Aviva on the south western corner of the cross roads.

We have been liaising with the councillors in Manchester. The councillors and officers have been asking the site owners to address the issue for some time. Apparently, the owners currently have pumps on the site but water there is being discharged from their land onto the highway. We understand that Manchester's compliance team have now started legal proceedings regarding this matter.

Councillor McCann, our Highways spokesperson has received the following update on Friday from officers at Manchester City Council:

As a result of the recent repair work to the carriageway drainage system required due to the contents of the surface water escaping from Atlas Business Park, we have managed to remove the pooling issue to the left turn lane on the Finney Lane approach to the junction with Styal Road and also the knock-on effect of standing water at the next junction along Finney Lane with Irwin Drive.

Unfortunately, standing water remains an issue on Styal Road north bound at the junction heading away from the airport due to the drain gullies at this location not discharging surface water. The repair to these gullies will involve excavation work however the issue we have carrying out this work is that when we expose the damaged gully lines in the carriageway the excavations will immediately fill with the water coming from the business park making it impossible to carry out the repairs. In addition, the shared pedestrian and cycle lane adjacent to the perimeter wall continues to hold water and is in danger of freezing over at this time of year making it a potential hazard to passing pedestrians and cyclists.

The council intend to implement some additional drainage in an attempt to repair the defective drain gullies on Styal Road and also keep the shared foot space clear of standing water.

The proposal is to excavate and introduce a temporary hole in the grassed area in front of the wall to act as a drainage pit with tracks from the footpath to the hole to divert the escaping water. This water will then be pumped from the hole into the existing drainage system on Simonsway to stop the water overflowing from the hole. Once this is in operation repairs to the defective gullies on Styal Rd that we were previously unable to carry out will take place.

At the same time two new 90 litre gully pots will be installed on the shared pedestrian and cycle lane adjacent to the grass verge with a new length of 150mm drain line connecting them. We will then link the drain gully nearest Styal Road to the sewer system to discharge the water collected.

Once the new connections are in place we will remove the tracks diverting the water to the hole, pump any remaining water from the hole and reinstate the hole. Once complete the two new drain gullies should catch the majority of the water escaping through the wall with any water that does manage to find its way onto the junction dispersing via the existing drain gullies on Styal Road that at this point will have been repaired.

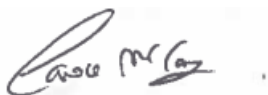
Work will begin on site this Monday 18th December under an emergency permit and should be complete by Friday of next week.



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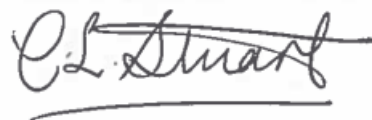
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