

Dear Mr Butler

Internal Review of our response to your 24 February 2021 request for information

Ref No: EIR/ID186/20/21

Thank you for your email of 17 March 2021 requesting an internal review of our response of 17 March 2021 to your request of 24 February 2021 for information about drainage infrastructure located at or adjacent to Welkin Road in Stockport.

Further to your request for a review of our response and additional clarification provided by you, I have now conducted such a review and confirm that we can provide the following information regarding your original request:

1. Please confirm if you are the owner, or responsible for the upkeep/repair/maintenance of any drainage infrastructure located at or adjacent to Welkin Road in Stockport. Please provide details and, if applicable, maps of any infrastructure for which you are the owner or have responsibility. -

See plan attached, United Utilities Water Limited (United Utilities) is responsible for the combined sewer shown in red to the east of the plan that runs adjacent to the highway in the open field. The blue dashed line to the south of the plan on the highway is depicted as a highway drain and under the responsibility of the Local Authority, the dashed brown line is shown as a private pressurised pipe not under the responsibility of United Utilities

2. Please provide all records that you hold relating to the brook/culvert or any associated infrastructure, located adjacent to Welkin Road in Stockport (just beyond the boundary of Welkin Mill). This brook/culvert appears to collect surface water runoff/ground water and deposit it by means of an underground culvert into the River Goyt, adjacent to the pavilion located at the Welkin Road playing fields.

United Utilities do not hold any records for the brook/culvert or any associated infrastructure as this is not a public asset that United Utilities is responsible for. The response to your first question clarifies what infrastructure United Utilities is responsible for in the vicinity.

3. If you are not the owner or responsible for the upkeep/repair/maintenance of the brook/culvert or any associated infrastructure mentioned above, please confirm who is the owner and/or responsible for the upkeep/repair/maintenance.

As this isn't an asset under our ownership we are unable to confirm who owns or maintains this asset. More information about watercourse responsibility can be found at the following government website: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/owning-a-watercourse>

4. Please provide all records that you hold showing inspections, reports from the public or other organisations, works carried out and any policies or procedures relating to the brook/culvert or any associated infrastructure mentioned above (including all drainage at or adjacent to Welkin Mill and Welkin Road), to include your internal and/or external service level agreements or similar relating to inspection and maintenance frequency and response times.

We have 2 records of reports on 20 January 2021 but no attendance by United Utilities was made as this was identified as a private issue once the records were checked. Please see details of the reports below (personal information redacted applying exception under regulation 12(3) and 13 of the Environmental Information Regulations 2004):

20/01/2021 – 13:28, Case [REDACTED]

- Welkin Road, [REDACTED], Bredbury, SK6 [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]
- Cust reporting SW/WW flooding on Welkin Road, causing problems for [REDACTED] in the area, business premises advised the drains on the road are blocked,
- checked A/V - the council are resp for the pipework on the road, with numerous manholes in the area, explained UU resp is combined sewer going through the fields in the area

20/01/2021 – 17:43, Case [REDACTED]

- Called no reply no vm
- spoke with DD who advised we would not attend to a burst water course and this would be EA

- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED] SK6 [REDACTED]
 - [REDACTED]
 - [REDACTED] to explain that this [REDACTED] is flooded in the basement due to a local brook bursting its banks, the [REDACTED] staff have been evacuated as they are bothered a nearby sub station will be affected,
 - Incident number [REDACTED], VERY URGENT CALL BACK

5. Please provide copies of any agreements made between yourself and any other party relating to the ownership or upkeep/repair/maintenance of the brook/culvert or any infrastructure mentioned above.

United Utilities is not responsible for the brook/culvert or any associated infrastructure as this is not a public asset that United Utilities is responsible for. We do not hold any records of agreements relating to the ownership or upkeep/repair/maintenance of the brook/culvert or any associated infrastructure.

In terms of the public sewer it is maintained on a reactive basis i.e. United Utilities will attend when an issue occurs on it.

I hope this information is of assistance to you.

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House Water Lane
Wilmslow

Cheshire
SK9 5AF

Tel: 0303 123 1113 (local rate) or 01625 545 745 if you prefer to use a national rate number.
You can also report any concern online using the following link:

<https://ico.org.uk/concerns/getting/>

Yours sincerely

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