

COUNCIL MEETING – 15 SEPTEMBER 2021 NOTICE OF MOTION

Flooding

This council recognises the repeated failure of the Labour administration and Veolia to protect the borough from flooding. The Labour administration has failed in its duty to ensure that Veolia cleans the drains and gullies of the borough, which has made a significant contribution to recent flooding in Merton.

Therefore, council calls on cabinet to:

- Ensure that Veolia is held to the terms of the contract and ensures that all drains and gullies are cleared immediately;
- Provide regular updates to council to ensure that drains and gullies are kept clear;
- Increase the monitoring of drains and gullies from the current once every three years schedule, and consider invoking the step-in clauses in the contract with Veolia in future to ensure Merton has the best protection from flooding;
- Instruct planning officers to ensure that flood prevention is a priority for future developments;
- Instruct planning officers to promote permeable surfaces in future parking crossover applications;
- Increase tree planting to assist with flood prevention.

Cllr Nick McLean

Cllr Daniel Holden

Cllr David Dean

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