

# A358 Flooding

Update provided by Councillor Rigby on 29<sup>th</sup> January 2025

"UPDATE RE FLOODING ON A358 NEAR NORTON MANOR CAMP

This is proving to be far more difficult to resolve and will take the intervention of a number of agencies to find a possible solution.

Our investigations to date have discovered a crossdrain under the A358 (north to south), but we could not find any connecting drainage system from the southern side of that crossdrain.

The Area Highways Superintendent has submitted a Works Order to CCTV and jet through the crossdrain. These works will be undertaken under 2-way signals in mid-March. We are also looking to include the digging of a slip trench in the verge between the A358 and the perimeter fence of the camp, to see if we can locate the presumed culvert. If this fails to uncover a culvert, then we will have to consider raising the level of the road surface, but there are associated issues with this method, that would need to be addressed.

During last year we also enlarged the soak-away ditch along the northern side of the A358, to help hold more water before the level of flood water overtops the highway. This has only been partially successful, as a layer of clay was found preventing water naturally draining away, hence deep water remains in this ditch.

We are also in liaison with the Flood Management Team to find a resolution."

We now know that the gully and associated ditch do not connect to any drainage hence the flooding. Despite the difficulties experienced in getting the MoD to cooperate I am displeased with the time taken to fix this issue and have let the team know that they need to accelerate resolution.