



Reference: FOI-262

Request:

1. What is the current planned frequency for sweeping the edge of the road and cycle lanes on Rake Lane and the A191 / New York Bypass please?
2. Has this frequency changed since the cycle lanes were installed? If so, what was the before and after frequency of sweeping please?
3. What equipment will be used when the cycle lanes (roundabout lanes AND the wand/orca segregated lanes) are swept please? i.e. is there a road sweeper capable of fitting down the lanes without having to remove the wands?
4. What is the frequency for clearing the drains on Rake Lane and the A191 please? When were these last unblocked? (I have noticed that the drains on Rake Lane near the new roundabout are clogged with mud and the A191 drains cannot be seen for leaves).

Response:

1. The Authority doesn't have a recorded set frequency of the road sweeping for specific roads. Frequency depends on the seasonal need, for example the road will be less frequently swept in the summer months as detritus is low on the surface, in other months of the year this may increase as detritus and leave fall, therefore the frequency will be increased as/when necessary.
2. Not applicable
3. Road/pedestrian sweepers
4. As outlined in the Highway Asset Management Plan (HAMP), North Tyneside Council operates a risk-based approach to strategic gully cleansing, whereby gullies are cleaned based on silt level (how full they are). Rake Lane gullies were last strategically cleansed on 21st March 2021 and the gully silt level was found to be 25% or below, therefore the priority is deemed low. Outside this strategic cleansing regime, if a member of the public has concerns regarding a specific gully this can be reported to the highways team where an officer will assess this within 5 working days. If the gully is blocked a cleansing team will be issued within 30 working days of inspection.