

KMBC Lot 1

Project name:	KMBC Lot 1 – Gully Cleansing – Knowsley MBC
Name of client organisation:	Knowsley MBC
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Scheme start and duration:	April 2008 - ongoing
Value:	£250,000 per annum

Brief description:

At present, King Construction are the main contractor for KMBC providing various drainage services including; gully cleansing, the de-silting of drainage lines, sonic investigations, CCTV surveys, and 24 hour reactive flood relief within the borough. As part of the Lot 1 contract our teams carry out approximately £250,000 value per annum.

Our offices are conveniently based in the heart of Knowsley and are directly linked to KMBC's Highways Department through a computer software link called CONFIRM. Work orders are currently issued through this system which are generally routine gully cleansing programmes that our allocated to one of our gully teams.

As part of the services we also provide 24h emergency reactive works in case of flash floods or burst water mains.

Shortly after being awarded the contract it soon became apparent that many of the gullies had not been properly cleansed for a number of years. It was believed that this may have led to unnecessary flooding and our Framework Manager and the gully cleansing team now believe that the cleansing programme is now more rigorous. Gullies are now being accessed that may not have been in the past due to limitations due to being located at busy junctions or dangerous roads.

This has been achieved through traffic management and rotating work shifts so gullies can be cleansed thoroughly. Our team believe that our approach has now reduced and even eliminated floods around many of the junctions and problematic areas examples being Georgian Close, Church Road, Baileys Lane, Foxes Bank Lane, Valley Road, and Cronton Road. Liaising with KMBC it would also appear that collapsed chambers and damaged pipe work is now getting repaired at a quicker pace as well.

We believe that all these factors are assisting in combating flooding issues and our company has also assisted in major flash flooding on the 20th July 2010 when our company had over 100 calls from various KMBC departments. Our drainage team was also quick to assist in the reactive works on the pipe burst on Liverpool Road 18th July 2011 assisting in clearing the flooding whilst other response teams from our company assisted residents by supplying sand bags and clearing up the area in general.

Achievements against targets:

The scheme was completed on time and within budget.

