

Backwell flood flow paths and flood history questionnaire

Your address & postcode:

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Section 1: About your local knowledge

1. Which area are you commenting on?

- ☐ My property
- ☐ My street
- ☐ Nearby streets / open spaces
- ☐ Another part of Backwell (please name it):

2. How long have you known this area?

- ☐ Less than 2 years
- ☐ 2–5 years
- ☐ 6–10 years
- ☐ More than 10 years

3. What is the source of your knowledge?

- ☐ I saw it myself
- ☐ Someone in my household saw it
- ☐ A neighbour told me
- ☐ A previous occupier told me
- ☐ Other:



Section 2: What you have seen

4. To the best of your knowledge, have you ever seen any of the following in this part of Backwell?

Tick all that apply.

- ☐ Water flowing along a road, lane or footpath
- ☐ Water flowing through a garden, drive, open space or field
- ☐ Water ponding in a low spot
- ☐ A gully, drain, culvert or ditch struggling or backing up
- ☐ Water coming out of a drain or manhole
- ☐ Water entering a garage, outbuilding or house
- ☐ A near miss, where water came close but did not enter property
- ☐ None of the above

Section 3: The most significant event you remember

5. Please tell us about the most significant flood or overland flow event you remember in this area.

Approximate date:

Approximate time (if known):

6. Where did the water first appear, to the best of your knowledge?

- ☐ On the road / highway
- ☐ In a garden or drive
- ☐ From higher ground / fields
- ☐ From a ditch, watercourse or rhyne
- ☐ From a culvert
- ☐ From a drain, gully or manhole
- ☐ From a spring / groundwater
- ☐ Not sure
- ☐ Other:

7. What happened?

Tick all that apply.

- ☐ Water flowed downhill across the surface
- ☐ Water followed the road
- ☐ Water crossed from one street / property to another
- ☐ Water ponded in one place
- ☐ Water overtopped a bank / ditch / edge
- ☐ Water backed up at a drain, culvert or gully
- ☐ Water entered a building
- ☐ Other:

8. How deep did the water get at its worst?

- ☐ Less than 5 cm
 - ☐ 5–15 cm
 - ☐ 15–30 cm
 - ☐ More than 30 cm
 - ☐ Not sure
- Optional depth/location note:

9. How long did the water remain?

- ☐ Less than 1 hour
- ☐ 1–6 hours
- ☐ 6–24 hours
- ☐ More than 24 hours
- ☐ Not sure

10. Did water enter property?

- ☐ No
- ☐ Garden only
- ☐ Drive / garage / outbuilding
- ☐ Ground floor of house
- ☐ Basement / cellar
- ☐ Business premises
- ☐ Other:

11. What do you think the main cause or source was, if any?

Tick all that apply.

- ☐ Intense rainfall overwhelming drainage
- ☐ Prolonged rainfall / saturated ground
- ☐ Runoff from higher land
- ☐ Blocked highway gully or drain
- ☐ Sewer / drain surcharge
- ☐ Ditch / watercourse overtopping
- ☐ Culvert restriction or blockage
- ☐ Groundwater / spring
- ☐ Recent development or changes in surfacing
- ☐ Not sure
- ☐ Other:

Section 4: Recurring issues and flow paths

12. Are there places in Backwell where water regularly flows, ponds or causes concern, even if it does not always flood property?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

If yes, please describe the location(s). Name road name, what 3 words or grid reference:
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13. Have you noticed any changes that may have altered how water moves through the area?

- Tick all that apply.
- ☐ New buildings or extensions
 - ☐ New hard paving / driveways / patios
 - ☐ Highway works or kerb changes
 - ☐ Changes to ditches, culverts or drains
 - ☐ Changes to garden levels, walls or fences
 - ☐ Changes in maintenance of gullies / ditches
 - ☐ No changes noticed
 - ☐ Other:

Section 5: Map mark-up and further evidence

14. Please use the enclosed map to show as much as you can.

Please mark:

- arrows for the direction water flowed
- blue shading where water ponded
- X where a gully, drain, culvert or ditch backed up or was blocked
- star where water entered a building
- notes with dates, approximate depths, or anything else useful

15. Do you have any photos, videos, measurements or notes that you would be willing to share?

☐ Yes

☐ No

If yes, what do you have and from when?

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Section 6: Optional follow-up

16. May we contact you if we need to clarify anything?

☐ Yes

☐ No

Name:

Email:

Telephone:

17. Is there anything else local people know about flooding here that a computer model might miss?

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