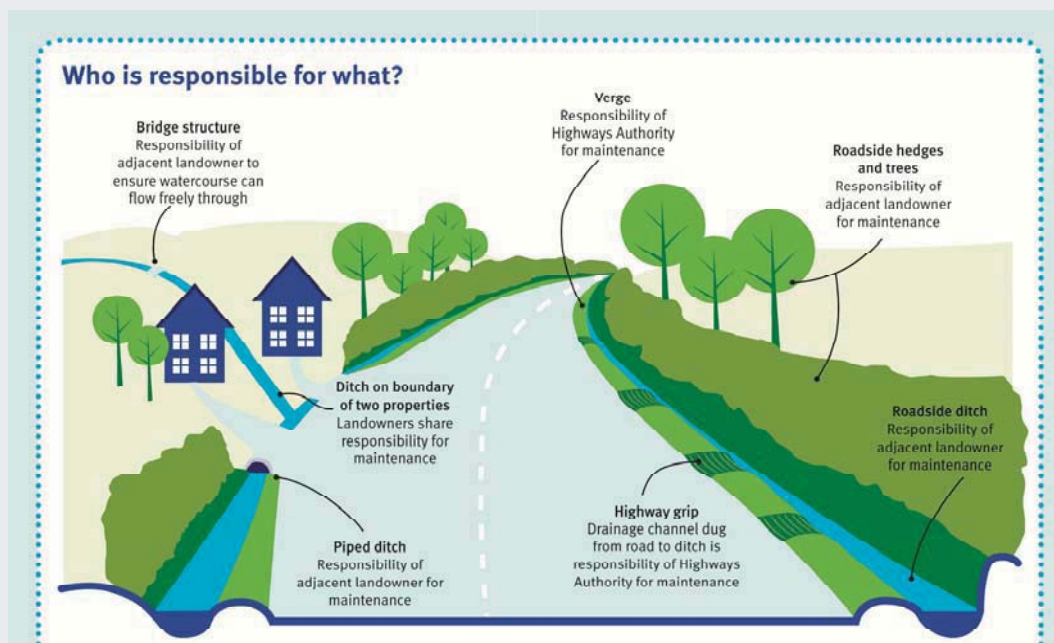


Flood Risk Management Authorities

Roles & Responsibilities

Sefton Council is the Lead Local Flood Authority (LLFA) for the borough and its primary purpose is to oversee flood risk from surface water, groundwater and watercourses. Sefton Council also consider flood risk in its role as the Highway Authority, Local Planning Authority, Coastal Protection Authority and as a land owner.

The Environment Agency's principal aim is to protect and improve the environment, and to promote sustainable development. The Environment Agency has strategic roles for all sources of flooding and coastal erosion in England and Wales. The Environment Agency also provide river flood warnings. They have powers to undertake works and enforcement action on main rivers, at their discretion to prevent flooding, but may choose to charge this cost to the Riparian Owner.



Canal & Rivers Trust Operate and manage the canal network in England and Wales. They inspect and maintain canals and their associated bridges and towpaths, and monitor water levels. They will respond to flooding from canal breaches.

United Utilities manage water and sewerage under the Water Industry Act 1991. United Utilities is the responsible authority for managing the risks of flooding from their water supply, public surface, foul or combined sewer systems.