## Fixing Enkamat to Gully pots - Initial findings in Sussex

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2 methods of fixing Enkamat to the inside of gully pots have been used at sites in Sussex.

15 cm wide strips of Enkamat are cut to length ensuring that the bottom of the 'ladder' reaches the bottom of the gully pot (measured with a long cane or net handle). It is important that the ladder reaches the bottom of the chamber since they can drain down completely leaving amphibians trapped at the bottom of a dry chamber, below the level of the inter- connecting pipework.

## Method 1

The drain cover is opened / lifted off and a small area at the top of the metal inner frame is cleaned to remove any loose material. This area must correspond with a suitable gap in the lid of the gully pot when closed. A 15 cm bead of glue such as Evo-Stik Wet Grab Adhesive is then applied (using a sealent/mastic gun) along the top, inner edge so that the Enkamat hangs vertically down the gully pot chamber.


If required the Enkamat can be fairly easily removed from the gullypot at the end of the season by pulling away from the adhesive or cutting the Enkamat.

## Method 2

This is the preferred method as it does not use adhesive to secure the Enkamat. It is also possible (though a little fiddly) to fit the Enkamat when the lid of the gully pot can not be opened/removed.

There is usually a narrow gap ( $5-25 \mathrm{~mm}$ ) between the outer frame of the gully pot and the kerb.
Any accumulated dirt/debris between the outer frame and kerb is removed by using a screwdriver or other flat tool , to a depth of approx. 20mm.
The end of the Enkamat is simply placed in the gap and secured with a wedge such as a suitably sized piece of wood to hold the Enkamat in position.
Dowelling seems to work best as a square profile wedge can tear the Enkamat when forced down into the gap.

A small section of the Enkamat is visible from the road but is unlikely to cause any problems to road users.


