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THE road serving a Stratford industrial estate is a flooding nightmare, according to businesses based there. This week, firms at Western Road once again had to cope with widespread disruption to trade caused by flooding outside their premises this week. Although Stratford had a lucky escape from the storm that wreaked havoc in other parts of



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the country, the torrential down-pour which did hit the district on Sunday night-Monday morning took its toll on some local roads and businesses was this more obvious than Western Road which is home to many of Stratford's factories, including Stratford Car Bodies Ltd.

Monday's flooding in Western Road, Stratford.

problems and they've said they'll send someone out to have a look at the road and make an assessment. If Western Road is ever turned into a through road, as has been suggested, what's going to happen then? The flooding won't suddenly disappear overnight. Although the road has recently been repaved, Geoff thinks blocked drains have caused the whole flooding mess he and fellow traders have to contend with and while there's a mass of debt to clear the inevitable clean up he and staff have to do since the flooding subsides, there's also a business cost to be considered. "Customers don't want to walk through flooded pavements and footpaths to come and do business with us and who can blame them?" So we have to wait a few hours until the sludge drains away and hope it doesn't get any worse," Geoff said. But there could be some good news for the Western Road business community in Warwickshire County Council this week saw a plan, and in the site to make a full report of the flooded business with a view to taking further action shortly.

With flood water leaving just inches away from Monday's doors, staff at the business had to carefully check regular stock of



