

# Beechlawn Wastewater Pumping Station

Dromore Road, Hillsborough



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## The Facts

- Beechlawn Pumping Station is the largest pumping station in the Hillsborough catchment, and serves a local population of approximately 300 people.
- The current station is in poor structural condition and needs to be upgraded urgently. The pumps have reached the end of their useful life and there are discharges of unscreened sewage to a local watercourse.
- The existing station is located within the grounds of Beechlawn School and can only be accessed via a pedestrian gate from the public footpath on Dromore Road. There is no off-street car parking and maintenance vehicles are currently forced to park on the main road.
- Northern Ireland Water has investigated options to relocate the pumping station both inside and outside Beechlawn school grounds. The best option is to relocate the station in the school car park.
- The new pumping station will bring significant benefits for the local population, helping to ensure that the sewerage infrastructure in the area complies with Northern Ireland Environment Agency and European regulations now and in the future.
- The initial site investigation was completed over the school half term break in February 2011 but the main project for the relocation of the pumping station is scheduled to be completed over the school summer holiday (late June-September 2011)
- This project is a working partnership between NI Water, Project Manager Aecom, designer Atkins and contractor Graham Construction.
- The Project team are aware of the sensitive location of the current pumping station and will do everything possible to ensure the safe relocation of the station and the service it provides.
- We will keep the school, public and elected representatives fully informed of any developments and would like to thank them in advance for their co-operation during this vital improvement work. Every effort will be made to keep any disruption to a minimum, and signage will be in place on the school grounds.

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