

Warrenpoint Drainage Area Study

New Wastewater Pumping Station & Sewerage Improvement Works

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Introduction

The town of Warrenpoint in the heart of the South Down area is one of Northern Ireland's busy tourist town centres.

A Drainage Area Study of the town's sewerage system has been carried out by NI Water and a number of key projects have been identified to improve the system. One of these projects, arising from the outcome the Drainage Area Study is the replacement of the existing Newry Road Wastewater Pumping Station. This work is the first phase of the Warrenpoint Drainage Area Plan and is critical to the operation of the full Warrenpoint drainage catchment. The replacement of the existing wastewater pumping station will reduce the likelihood of out of sewer flooding at Meeting Street and Charlotte Street, Warrenpoint. Implementation of the Newry Road Wastewater Pumping Station replacement contract will also improve the water quality in Carlingford Lough, which will help meet Northern Ireland Environment Agency standards.

The Investment

NI Water is committed to providing a modern and effective sewerage system across Northern Ireland. The Warrenpoint Drainage Area Study has identified a requirement for major sewerage infrastructure improvements within the drainage catchment and in particular in the vicinity of Meeting Street, Newry Road, Mound Road and Newry Street car park, Warrenpoint, where the contract for the Newry Road Wastewater Pumping Station replacement and associated sewerage pipelines will be undertaken. This contract represents a significant investment by NI Water of £3 Million.

The Proposal

The proposed sewerage infrastructure improvements will involve the construction of a new pumping station and storage tank located within the existing Newry Street car park, installation of sewers on Newry Road, Meeting Street and Mound Road with associated traffic and pedestrian restrictions required to allow the works to be completed in a safe working environment. This will include lane and road closures in the area at stipulated times. Traffic management signage will be in place and the public will be made aware in advance of these closures.

The works will cause traffic disruption to the local community. However, NI Water aims to minimise disruption to vehicular and pedestrian traffic throughout the duration of the contract. Work is planned to commence on site in February 2013 and be fully completed by April 2014.

Traffic Management

NI Water has liaised closely with DRD, Roads Service, Traffic Management Section, to programme the works in order to minimise vehicular and pedestrian traffic disruption. We would like to thank the public in advance for their patience and cooperation while we complete this essential sewerage infrastructure improvement works.

The Benefits

The replacement of the existing Newry Road Wastewater Pumping Station and associated sewerage pipeline works will provide the following benefits:-

- It will reduce the risk of out of sewer flooding at Meeting Street and Charlotte Street, Warrenpoint.
- It will help improve the water quality in Carlingford Lough, meeting Northern Ireland Environment Agency standards for the Warrenpoint Drainage Area catchment.

Point of Contact

We intend to update relevant stakeholders regularly on the progress of the project, throughout the duration of the contract. However, if you require any further information, please contact NI Water's 24 hour customer relations centre via Waterline on **08457 440088**, quoting "KV154-112 – Newry Road, Wastewater Pumping Station, Warrenpoint".

Alternatively, please contact our Contractor, Consent Solutions, on **028 90 813105** between 9am and 5pm, Monday to Friday.

Bag It And Bin It - Don't Flush It!

There is a common misconception that it is okay to flush wipes, cotton buds and sanitary items into NI Water's sewerage systems, when in fact, these systems are not designed to cope with such items.

The very nature of wipes and sanitary items is to absorb water, not to break down like toilet roll. Therefore, when in the sewer, they absorb, expand and cause blockages.

To help the sewerage system work properly, we need to use it responsibly. Whilst NI Water has a responsibility for the sewerage system, everyone in Northern Ireland has a duty to dispose of their waste appropriately. Find out more at www.niwater.com/bagitandbinit.asp