

Downpatrick Drainage Area Study Church Street Sewerage Scheme



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Introduction

The town of Downpatrick in the heart of the County Down area is one of Northern Ireland's busiest commercial and 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 identified to improve the system. These improvements will reduce the likelihood of sewerage flooding and restrict storm discharges to the local river environment in line with criteria set by the Northern Ireland Environment Agency.

The Investment

NI Water is committed to providing a modern and effective sewerage system across Northern Ireland.

The Downpatrick Drainage Area Study has identified a requirement for major infrastructure improvements in the vicinity of Church Street. This contract represents an immediate investment by NI Water of £2 million.

The Proposal

The proposed infrastructure improvements will involve the installation of sewers along existing roads (Church Street, Pillar Well Lane and Meadow Lands) and in Quoile Crescent with associated traffic and pedestrian restrictions required to allow the works to be completed in a safe environment. The works will cause disruption to the local community, but we aim to minimise vehicular and pedestrian traffic disruption. Work is planned to commence in January 2012 and be fully completed by July 2013 (some preliminary work will be carried out in December 2011).

NI Water has liaised closely with Roads Service in Downpatrick to programme the proposed works and minimise disruption. We would like to thank the public for their patience and cooperation while we complete this essential improvement work.

The Benefits

The proposed sewers will ultimately facilitate the relocation and upgrading of the existing sewerage pumping station from Church Street to a new position in Drumcloon Walk.

This will provide the following benefits:-

- Reduce the likelihood of sewerage flooding in the Church Street area;
- Removal of existing stormwater overflows in wet weather conditions from the Roughal Stream;
- Meet Northern Ireland Environment Agency standards;
- Enhancement of the sewerage system to meet future growth and demand.

Point of Contact

We intend to update stakeholders regularly on the progress of the project. However, if you require any further information, please contact:

NI Water's 24 hr customer relations centre via Waterline on **08457 440088**.

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