

Water & Sewer Improvement Scheme Ballynahinch



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Introduction

The town of Ballynahinch in the heart of County Down is one of Northern Ireland's busiest commercial market towns.

Down District Council (DDC), with funding from the Department of Social Development (DSD), intends to invest £1.6 million to develop Ballynahinch town centre's public realm. DDC intends to carry out this scheme in various areas in the town including Main Street, Harmony Road, Windmill Street, The Square, High Street and Church Street.

Investigations by NI Water have identified an aging water and sewerage network infrastructure located within the area affected by the Public Realm improvement works that requires rehabilitation. In order to minimise any future disturbance to the new improvements carried out under the Public Realm project it is imperative that NI Water upgrade the necessary watermains and sewers as soon as possible and before new surfaces are put in place.

Investment

NI Water is committed to providing a modern and effective water and sewerage system across Northern Ireland. This contract represents a significant investment by NI Water into the upgrade and rehabilitation of the water and sewerage network infrastructure within Ballynahinch town centre.

Proposal

The proposed infrastructure improvements will involve the installation of watermains and sewers along Main Street, Harmony Road, Windmill Street, The Square, High Street and Church Street. There will be associated traffic and pedestrian restrictions required to allow the works to be completed in a safe environment. This will include lane and road closures in the area at certain times. However, signage will be in place and the public will be made aware in advance of these closures.

The works may cause some disruption to the local community, but we aim to minimise vehicular and pedestrian traffic disruption as much as possible. Work is planned to commence in January 2013 and be fully completed by the end of May 2013.

Traffic Management

NI Water will liaise closely with Roads Service and DDC's Public Realm Team on the programming of the proposed works to minimise disruption and coordinate the two separate contracts. By working together with DDC, there will be less overall disruption and a more co-ordinated approach to the project.

Benefits

Within the area affected, the main benefits of the water and sewerage network upgrades are as follows:

- Upgrade of a defective and aging water and sewerage infrastructure in advance of the Public Realm works,
- Reduce disruption caused to NI Water customers as a result of necessary maintenance of poor condition sewers,
- The upgraded watermains will improve the reliability, security and quality of the water supply, while reducing leakage.

Point of Contact

We intend to update relevant stakeholders regularly on the progress of the project. However, if you require any further information, please contact Waterline on **08457 440088**, quoting "Ballynahinch Water & Sewer Improvement Scheme"

