

DWMP NEWS

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INTRODUCTION AND FREQUENCY

Hi everyone and welcome to our very first DWMP Newsletter. Of course we recognise that there are much more important issues going on right now, so we are grateful for any time you can take to keep up-to-date with the DWMP-related work going on in the meantime. We hope to produce this newsletter quarterly and it will also be posted on our website at:

<https://www.nwl.co.uk/services/sewerage/drainage-and-wastewater-management-plans/>

NATIONAL PICTURE AND IMPACT OF COVID-19

Just like everything else in the world, the DWMP programme has been impacted by COVID-19 in a number of ways. The project team has had to adapt to home-working which is currently working very well.

National meetings have continued thanks to the availability of video-conferencing and tele-conferencing. A COVID-19 DWMP Task and Finish Group has been set up consisting of WaterUK, Northumbrian Water, United Utilities, Thames Water and Severn Trent to discuss and plan for any impact to the DWMP programme.

BRAVA and Option Development and Appraisal Task and Finish Groups continue to meet on a regular basis, with the BRAVA group looking at a set of consistent planning objectives that will provide a national picture for use by a number of stakeholders. In March the national DWMP Steering Group met and minutes of this meeting available on the WaterUK website.

COVID-19 SURVEY – HELP REQUIRED

In light of the impact of COVID-19 we need to find out the preferred methods of communication with our stakeholders. We would be grateful if you could take a couple of minutes to respond to the survey at the link below by midday on 30th April. THANKS!

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/RJLPZ3M>

STRATEGIC CONTEXT – PLANNING THE OUTCOMES THAT CAN BE ACHIEVED BY WORKING TOGETHER

Thanks to everyone who responded to our call for comments on the Strategic Context document. We have collated the comments and will be updating the document and publishing the revised version.

WHAT HAVE WE BEEN DOING?

Lots is the answer!

- We have been busy setting up our new DWMP website – visit: <https://www.nwl.co.uk/services/sewerage/drainage-and-wastewater-management-plans/>
- We have been finalising the Strategic Context document which will be published on the website;
- We have been working on our customer engagement strategy (and then re-working on it in light of the COVID-19 crisis);
- In the background our fabulous technical team has been developing and running hydraulic models of the region and then analysing the results all in line with the framework document;

CALL TO ARMS!

We are keen to consult widely on our DWMP. If you think you would like to be on the External Steering Group please get in touch via the DWMP email at: dwmp@nwl.co.uk for more information and the Terms of Reference.

For more information visit:

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