

# DWMP NEWS

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## INTRODUCTION

Hi everyone.

Welcome to our latest DWMP Newsletter. We hope you still find these newsletters useful; Please contact us by email at [dwmp@nwl.co.uk](mailto:dwmp@nwl.co.uk) with suggestions or comments.

## UPDATE SINCE LAST NEWSLETTER

Since the last newsletter we have continued work on the option development and appraisal for the DWMP, considering short and long-term options as well as more strategic options. We have also had an early engagement session with Ofwat and held a Strategic Planning Group meeting. The Strategic Environmental Assessment is drafted ready to be used in Programme Appraisal. We have just received the Consultation on the Government's Storm Overflows Discharge Reduction Plan and are busy seeing what that means for the DWMP. We are planning another round of customer engagement during April to seek customers' views regarding what they will see on the Customer Portal once the DWMP is finalised. We are busy drafting the DWMP reports ready for draft DWMP issue at the end of June. **Look out for an invite to a drop-in session in early July to find out more about the draft plan and ask any questions ahead of formal consultation.**

## OFWAT EARLY ENGAGEMENT

In mid-March the Northumbrian Water DWMP team was invited to meet with OFWAT to discuss the DWMP so far. The session was based on 26 questions set by Ofwat, which ranged from how we were finding the whole DWMP process to how we are planning to include nature-based solutions. We are due to receive feedback from Ofwat by the end of April. All water and sewerage companies in England and Wales are being invited to these individual early engagement sessions. Ofwat will be compiling a general report outlining the approaches taken to this first cycle of DWMP across the industry.



We regulate the water sector in England and Wales

This newsletter will also be posted on our website at: <https://www.nwl.co.uk/dwmp>

## STRATEGIC ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

The Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) informs the decision-making process through the identification and assessment of significant and cumulative effects a plan or programme may have on the environment. For DWMP we will consult on the SEA at Option Development Stage and also at overall plan level.

Key												
Assessment	Major positive	+++	Moderate positive	++	Minor positive	+	Neutral	0	Minor negative	-	Moderate negative	--
Acronyms:	HU = Heritage		IU = Industry/Economic Urban		CU = Coastal Urban		LR = Lowlands Rural		UR = Uplands Rural		SF = Suburban Fringe	
Level 1 Study Area												
Option	Rank	Options	Biodiversity	Human Health	Socio-Economic	Carbon & Material Assets	Water	Flood Risk	Heritage	Landscape	Climate Change Resilience	
			Protect, conserve, and enhance biodiversity & geodiversity, including soils	Protect, conserve, and enhance Human Health and well-being, including resilient communities	Protect, conserve, and enhance social and economic prosperity	Address causes of climate change, manage and improve efficient use of resources, inc. carbon, emissions to air & waste generation	Protect, conserve, and enhance water resources	Reduce and manage flood risk, increasing food resilience	Protect, conserve, and enhance the historic environment, including archaeology	Conserve, protect and enhance the landscape, townscape, and visual amenity	Adapt and improve resilience to climate change	
	3	Influence customer behaviour	+	0	+	++	++	+			++	
	2	Catchment management	++	0	-	+++	++	++		++	++	
	7	Smart networks				+	+	+			+	
	4=	Working in partnership	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	
	1	Blue/ green corridors	++	++	++	++	++	++	0	++	++	
	4=	SuDS features	+	+	+	+	+	+	0	+	++	
	10=	Surface water separation/ removal	-	0	0	--	++	-	-		++	
	9	Below ground storage	-	0	0	-	+	-	-		+	
	10=	Sewer upsizing	-	0	0	--	+	-	-		+	
	13	Flow transfer	-	0	0	--	++	-	--		0	
	6	STW rationalisation	0	+	+	+	++	+	0	0	-	
	13	STW upgrades					-				-	