



April 30th, 2024

**Notice Of Meeting**

You are requested to attend the Council meeting to be held on **Monday, 29th April 2024** at **6:00 pm** in **Microsoft Teams & Downshire Civic Centre.**

# Agenda

## 1.0 Apologies and Chairperson's Remarks

Apologies received from Councillors Feehan, Finn, Galbraith, Larkin, S Murphy, Ruane and Taylor

## 2.0 Declarations of Interest

## 3.0 Northern Ireland Water

Attendees:

Ronan Larkin – Director of Finance, Regulation and Commercial

Dr Steve Blockwell – Head of Investment Management, Engineering & Sustainability Directorate

# Invitees

- Cllr Terry Andrews
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- Cllr Callum Bowsie
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- Fionnuala Branagh
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- Cllr Jim Brennan
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- Cllr Pete Byrne
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- Mr Gerard Byrne
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- Cllr Philip Campbell
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- Cllr William Clarke
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- Cllr Laura Devlin
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- Ms Louise Dillon
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- Cllr Cadogan Enright
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- Cllr Killian Feehan
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- Cllr Doire Finn
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- Cllr Aoife Finnegan
- .....
- Ms Lynne Fitzsimons
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- Cllr Conor Galbraith
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- Cllr Mark Gibbons
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- Cllr Oonagh Hanlon
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- Cllr Glyn Hanna
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- Cllr Valerie Harte
- .....
- Cllr Roisin Howell
- .....
- Cllr Tierna Howie
- .....
- Ms Catherine Hughes
- .....
- Cllr Jonathan Jackson
- .....
- Cllr Geraldine Kearns
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- Miss Veronica Keegan
- .....
- Mrs Josephine Kelly
- .....
- Mrs Sheila Kieran
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- Cllr Cathal King
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- Cllr Mickey Larkin
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- Cllr David Lee-Surginor
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- Cllr Alan Lewis
- .....
- Cllr Oonagh Magennis
- .....
- Mr Conor Mallon
- .....
- Cllr Aidan Mathers
- .....
- Cllr Declan McAteer
- .....
- Cllr Leeanne McEvoy
- .....
- Cllr Andrew McMurray
- .....
- Maureen/Joanne Morgan/Johnston
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- Cllr Kate Murphy
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- Cllr Selina Murphy
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- Cllr Declan Murphy
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Sinead Murphy  
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Cllr Siobhan O'Hare  
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Mr Andy Patterson  
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Cllr Áine Quinn  
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Cllr Henry Reilly  
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Cllr Michael Rice  
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Mr Peter Rooney  
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Cllr Michael Ruane  
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Cllr Gareth Sharvin  
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Donna Starkey  
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Nicola Stranney  
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Sarah Taggart  
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Paul Tamati  
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Cllr David Taylor  
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Cllr Jarlath Tinnelly  
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Cllr Jill Truesdale  
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Mrs Marie Ward  
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# Newry & Mourne and Down District Council & NI Water 29<sup>th</sup> April 2024

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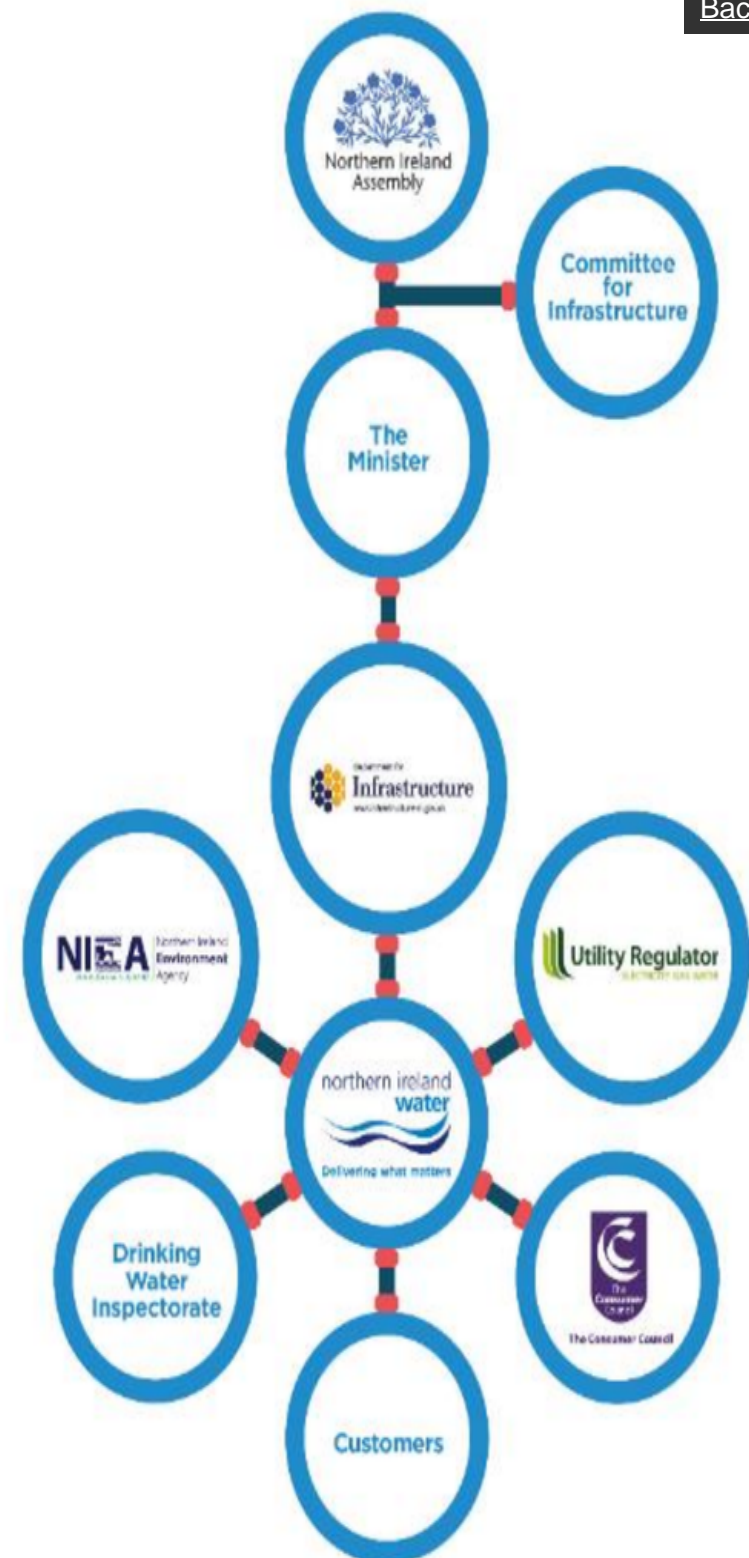
**Elected Representative Direct Line - 0345 3006461**

**Waterline - 03457 440088 or [waterline@niwater.com](mailto:waterline@niwater.com)**



# NI Water was formed in 2007

- Independently regulated and bound by Companies Act 2006
- Government (DfI) is our sole shareholder
- Utility Regulator determines the funding that is necessary to deliver required business plan
- Our efficiency and performance is independently benchmarked against GB peers
- Our shareholder is our only source of capital funding
- 'PC21' Price Control period runs from 2021-2027



# NI Water: Vital Infrastructure

## About NI Water

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It costs around £680m each year to deliver water services in Northern Ireland. Thousands of assets at a value of around £3bn, are operated and maintained to provide these services. This includes over 43,000km of water mains and sewers - one and a half times longer than Northern Ireland's entire road network and long enough to circle planet earth.

### Households and businesses

Our customers rely on the services we provide

910k

### Water treatment works

We clean the water, making it safe to drink

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### Water mains length

We distribute the drinking water to our customers through water mains

27,000 km

### Pumping stations

We use pumping stations to get the drinking water to our customers

351

### Service reservoirs

We store the drinking water in service reservoirs

367



743k

### Households and businesses

We collect wastewater from our customers

16,500 km

### Length of sewers

We collect wastewater from our customers using a network of sewers

1,350

### Pumping stations

We use pumping stations to get the wastewater to our treatment works

1,027

### Wastewater treatment works

We treat wastewater and return it safely to the environment

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### Sludge management centres

Sludge is de-watered before being incinerated



# Fats, Oil and Grease (FOG) Campaign

'Stop & Think – Not in the Sink'  
campaign to reduce and  
prevent Fatbergs



# Newry Mourne & Down District Council Ambitions LDP

Comhairle Ceantair an Iúir, Mhúrn agus an Dúin  
Newry, Mourne and Down District Council

## Plean Forbartha Áitiúil an Iúir, Mhúrn agus an Dúin Newry, Mourne and Down Local Development Plan 2030

Plépháipéar Tosaíochta  
Preferred Options Paper

Ag freastal ar an Dúin  
agus Aird Mhacha Theas  
Serving Down  
and South Armagh



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Newry, Mourne and Down  
District Council

### Vision:

Newry, Mourne and Down is a place with strong, safe and vibrant communities where everyone has a good quality of life and access to opportunities, choices and high-quality services which are sustainable, accessible and meet people's needs.

### By 2030

- 15,000+new homes
- 9000+new jobs

**City and Main Town** – Newry, Downpatrick

**Local Towns** – Newcastle, Warrenpoint, Kilkeel, Ballynahinch, Saintfield, Killyleagh, Castlewellan, Bessbrook, Crossmaglen.

**Villages** – 23

**Small Settlements** – 55



# Silent Valley 100 years Celebration

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**100 years since cutting the first sod local schools, relatives of original workers, elected representatives and competition winners join NI Water to celebrate**





# Delivered Capital Schemes – Mourne Wall

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## Latest Phase

- More than 300 repairs completed
- Across 15 mountains
- 900 collapses fixed
- Overall, 900 collapses fixed over 22 miles since 2017

# Delivered Capital Schemes



Warrenpoint WwTW £16m  
SWELL Project



Fofanny Clear Water Basin £9m





# Key PC21 Proposed Investments: Newry Mourne & Down District Council Area

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Wastewater Investment - Project Name	PC21 Planned Investment (£m)
Newry WwTW	41.6
Downpatrick WwTW	23.5
Annsborough WwTW	17.0
Meigh WwTW	7.0
Drumaness WwTW	4.6
Newcastle WwTW Tertiary Treatment Appraisal	3.6
Dundrum WwTW Phase 2	2.0
Dundrum DAP, UIDs Upgrades.	6.8
Annsborough DA UID Mill Hill Castlewellan WwPS	5.2
Kilkeel DAP	3.7
Ballynahinch DAP	1.4
Newry DA Newpoint Greenbank TPS	1.1
Cranfield Catchment , Kilkeel Storm Separation	2.8

**KEY:**

DAP = Drainage Area Plan

SO = Storm Overflow

LWWP = Living With Water Programme

UID = Unsatisfactory Intermittent Discharge

TPS = Terminal Pumping Station

WwPS = Wastewater Pumping Station

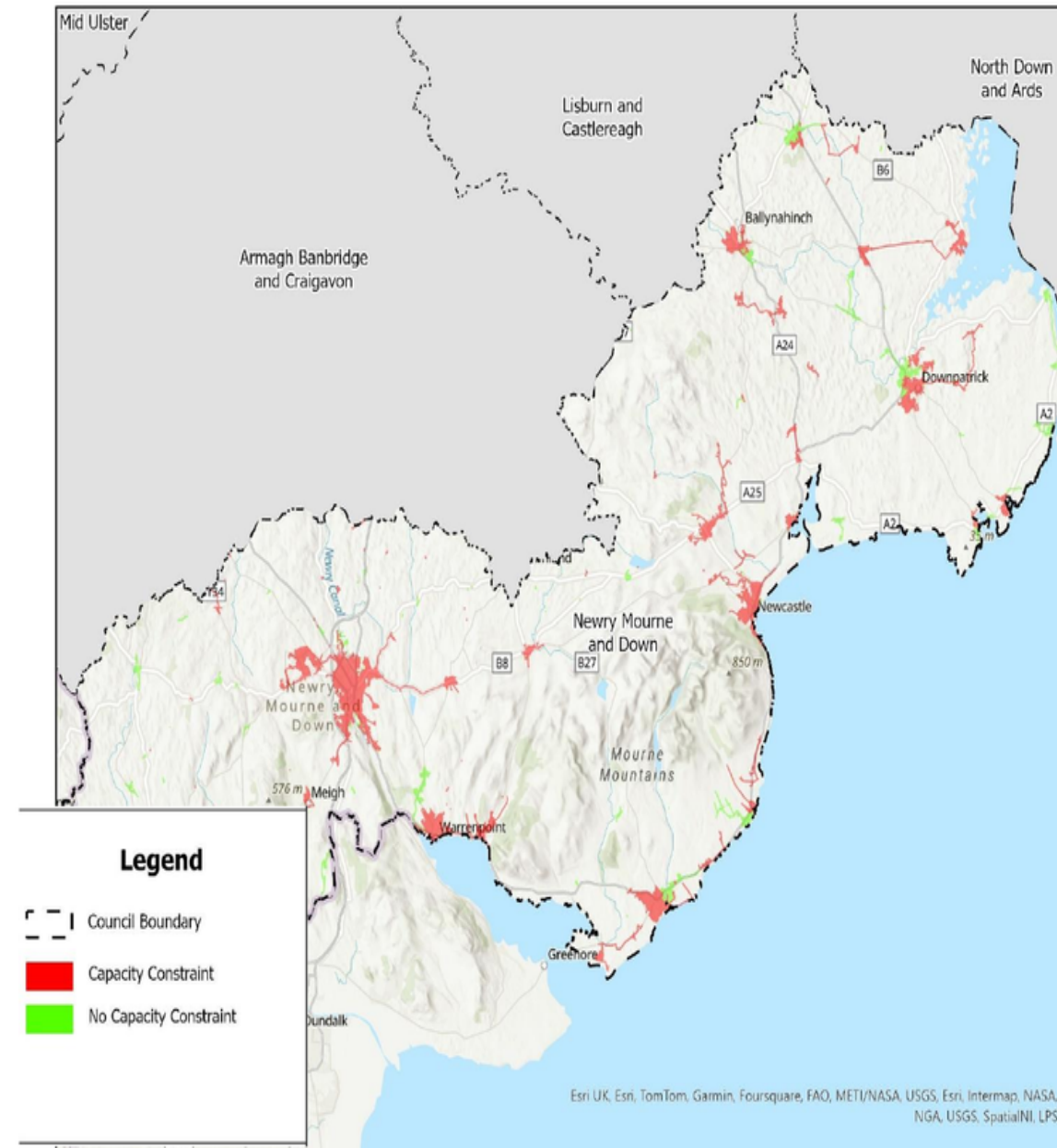
WwTW = Wastewater Treatment Works

Water Investment - Project Name	PC21 Planned Investment (£m)
Fofanny to Alt Trunk Main Phase 2	9.3
Drumaroad WTW PC21 Improvements Phase 2	4

# What is NI Water doing to address the Development Constraints Problem?

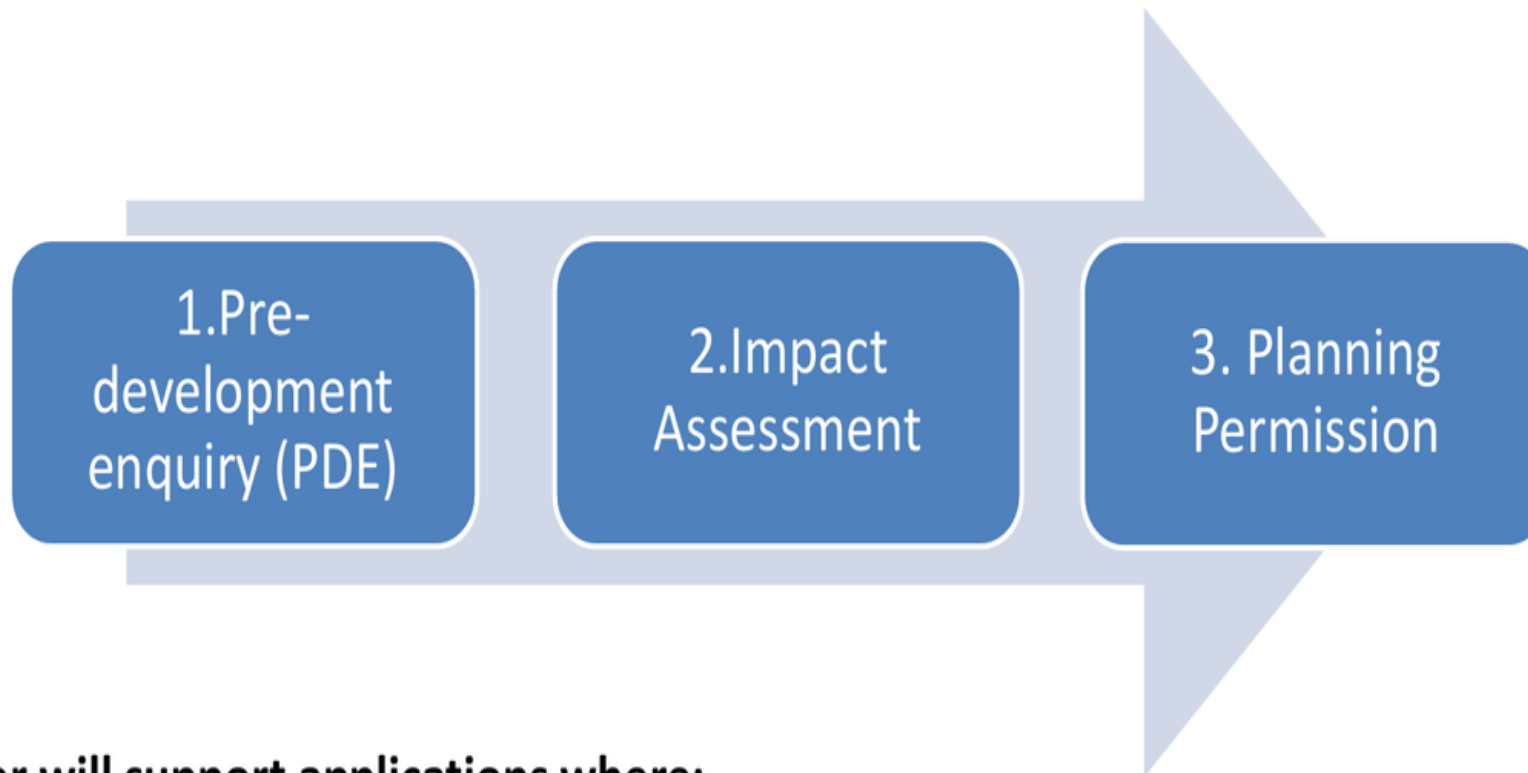
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- Commitment to maximising the infrastructure we have
- Investigating options for targeted interventions
- Promoting Developer led and financed solutions through our solution engineering team
- Providing robust planning responses, with conditions that are necessary to manage the impact *on the Environment*



# NI Water's 3 Stage Planning Process

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## NI Water will support applications where:

- a valid Pre-Development Enquiry (PDE) identifies no capacity issues
- a solution has been agreed following the Impact Assessment process (this will be conditioned on delivery of solution)

## NI Water will recommend refusal where:

- the PDE planning process has not been followed.

We are happy to reconsider after PDE / Impact Assessment has been completed

# NI Water – Solutions Engineering

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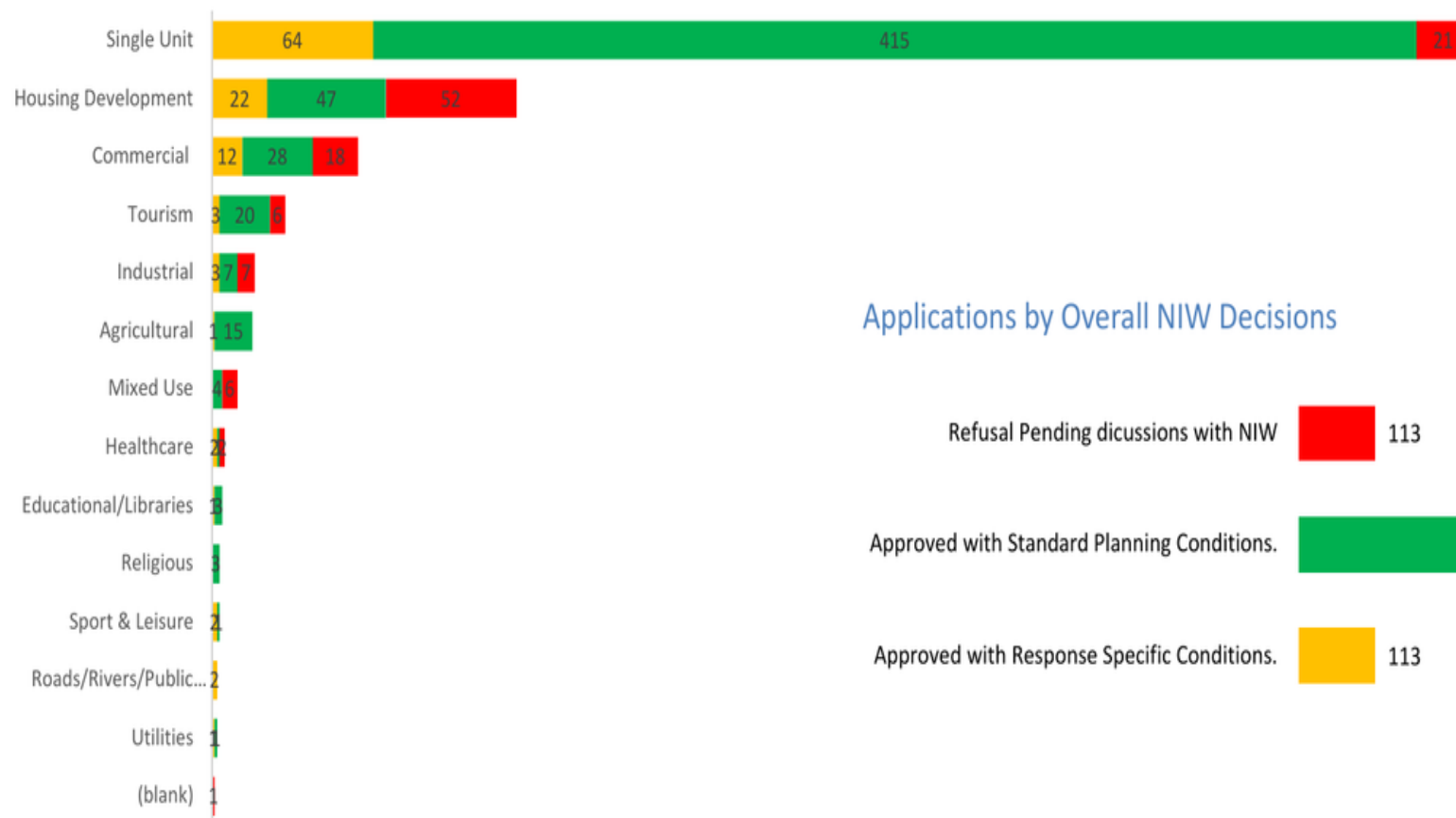
## Wastewater Impact Assessments received by NI Water for Newry Mourne & Down District Council Area

Solutions Engineering Reports Issued to Developers	63
Closed off: like for like development / Developer provided WwTW / extant planning approval	22
Ww Impact Assessment being progressed	56
Total	141

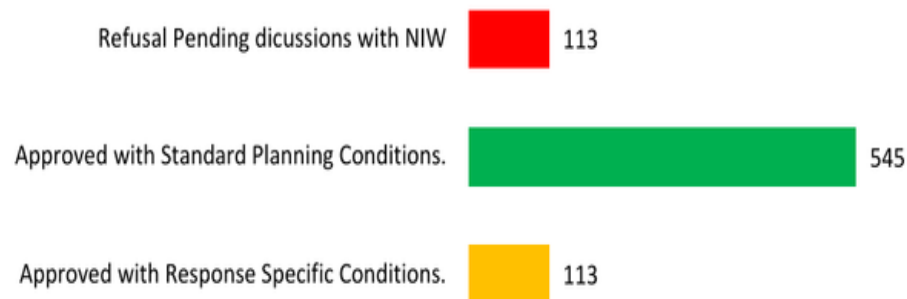
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## Apr 2023 to Mar 2023

### Applications by Classification



### Applications by Overall NIW Decisions







# In Summary

NI Water continues to transform as a publicly owned company

Our services play a pivotal role in protecting NI's environment and growing the NI Economy

Approval of the PC21 plan gave the green light to start to reduce pollution and enable more customers to connect throughout our region

We will continue to work with DfI over the coming months to enable capital delivery

northern ireland  
**water**



**Delivering what matters**

