



Dŵr Cymru
Welsh Water

Press Release

Dŵr Cymru scheme making headway in the Glevering Street / Swansea Road area

- **Dŵr Cymru Welsh Water started work on RainScape scheme in the Glevering Street and Swansea Road area back in September – the scheme is on track and due to be completed in May 2014**
- **Part of a wider £15 million investment in sustainable schemes to manage surface water in the town**
- **Scheme will reduce sewage flooding and spillages into the Loughor Estuary**
- **Welsh Water would like to thank local residents for their patience whilst the scheme has been taking place**
- **The scheme is aimed at creating ‘greener, cleaner’ communities**

Dŵr Cymru is on track with its RainScape scheme in the Glevering Street / Swansea Road area of Llanelli which started back in September. The RainScape scheme, the third in Llanelli - is a new and industry leading scheme to manage rainwater. The scheme will reduce the amount of rainwater which flows into local public drainage systems and will therefore reduce the risk of flooding and sewer spillages into the Loughor Estuary.

The £2 million scheme, part of a wider £15 million investment, is designed to reduce the surface water runoff currently entering the sewerage network in the area. The innovative surface water management techniques, developed in partnership with Carmarthenshire County Council, includes installing attractive planted areas that will absorb the water, and innovative drainage kerbs. A number of these RainScape solutions have now been installed in roads in the area. Welsh Water would like to thank local residents for their patience and support whilst the scheme has been taking place.

Work on this scheme will be completed in May, making Llanelli the first place in the UK to have a sustainable drainage scheme of this type. However, we will not be carrying out any work over the Christmas period and New Year period. Work on the scheme will stop on Friday 20th December 2013 and recommence on Tuesday 7th January 2014.



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The scheme is particularly needed in the area as Llanelli sees almost as much storm water in its network as Swansea, despite the fact that Swansea serves three times the number of properties, and three times the area compared with Llanelli.

Roads will continue to remain open whilst the work takes place - although temporary traffic measures may be used to ensure that access is retained for residents at all times. We will continue to keep residents informed of the scheme as it progresses.

Chris Jones, Chief Executive of Dŵr Cymru, Welsh Water says: "The delivery of RainScape is a sustainable, future proof system that will significantly reduce the risk of sewer flooding in the local area. We are proud of the fact that it is the first of its kind anywhere in the UK and it reflects our goals to reduce our impact on the environment and provide our customers with a first class service.

"The international examples which are guiding our work, clearly demonstrate that short term work now will bring significant long term benefits. In both instances the sustainable drainage schemes have reduced flooding, enhanced biodiversity and helped regeneration. We expect this innovative and sustainable approach to bring similar benefits to Llanelli and the surrounding area."

Mary Youell, from Natural Resources Wales, says: "This scheme is a fantastic demonstration of what our environment does for us. It is this kind of natural, sustainable solution for people in Llanelli that will benefit this community, the local economy and wildlife over the long term.

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