

River Basin Catchment Summary



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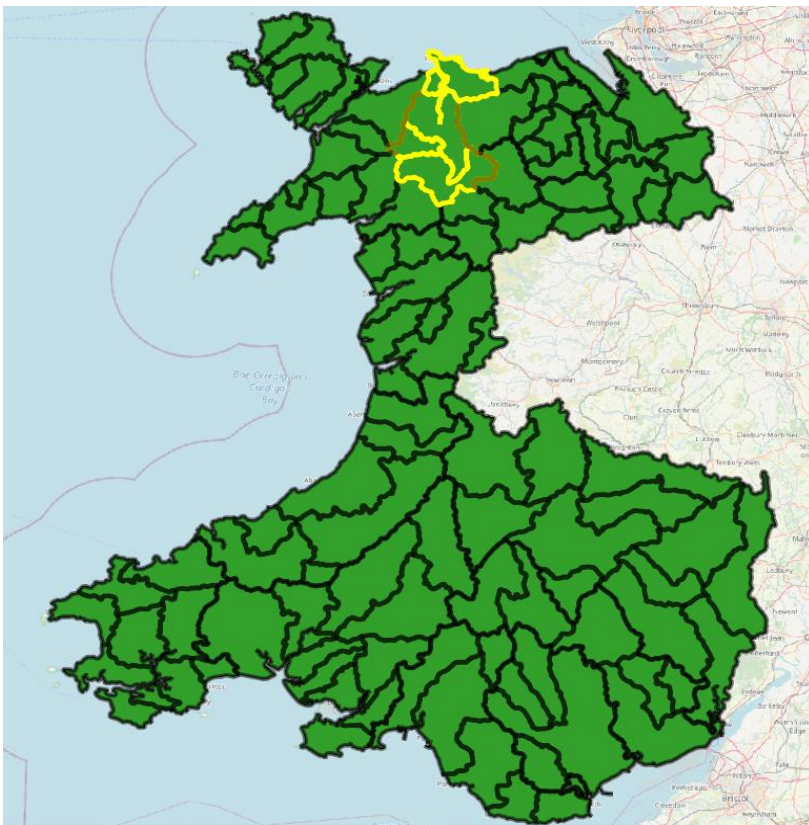
1.0 Introduction

This Drainage and Wastewater Management Plan (DWMP) sets out how Dŵr Cymru Welsh Water (DCWW) will manage and improve its assets to maintain a resilient and robust wastewater drainage system. The plan aims to manage flooding and pollution from our wastewater assets in the future, for our customers and our environment.

1.1 Catchment Information

Conwy (see Figure 1 below) consists of 27 wastewater catchments with a total population of 92157. There is a total sewer length of 630km, where 188km is associated to the foul system, 191km is associated to the surface water system and 233km is associated to the combined system. There are 27 Wastewater Treatment Works (WwTW), 97 Sewerage Pumping Stations (SPSs), and 68 Combined Storm Overflows (CSOs) across this river basin catchment level.

The main river in the Conwy catchment is the River Conwy, which stretches from the Migneint moor to Conwy Bay through the county of Conwy.



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Figure 1 - River basin location detailing the associated tactical planning catchments

2.0 Stakeholder Engagement

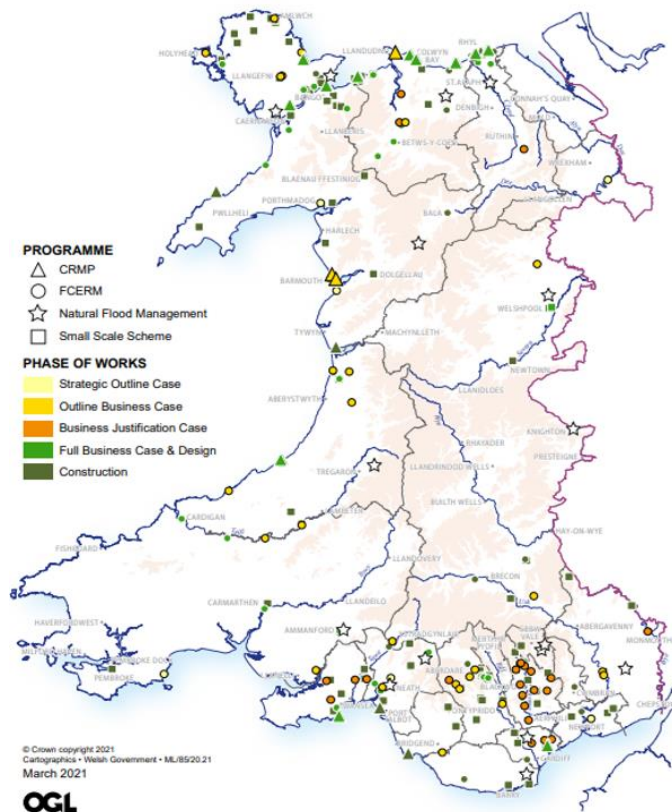
The DWMP aims to enable DCWW to work collaboratively with stakeholders, regulators and local authorities to tackle current and future challenges. DCWW has identified stakeholder objectives that align with the aims of the DWMP and goals of other management plans. Table 1 details the main opportunities we have identified but this is not intended to be exhaustive. Note that these stakeholders have their own planning processes and plans which do not necessarily align with those of DCWW.

Table 1 - Stakeholder opportunity partnerships

Plans	Stakeholder Engagement	Responsible Bodies/Primary Stakeholder
Local Management Plans	Natural Resources Wales (NRW) Conwy Management Catchment Strategy: (https://naturalresources.wales/media/3226/conwy-management-catchment.pdf)	Natural Resources Wales Environment Agency Local partnerships
Flood Risk Management Plans (FRMP)	The Conwy Flood Risk Management Plan is located online at https://cdn.cyfoethnaturiol.cymru/media/685901/lit-10199_dee_frmf.pdf?mode=pad&rnd=131751684520000000 . The report highlights xxxx which particularly impacts xxxx.	Welsh Government Water companies Coastal Groups (local authority led) Natural Resources Wales Environment Agency Lead local flood authorities
Shoreline Management Plans (SMP)	The Conwy catchment is covered by SMP 22 – The Great Orme. Further information can be found here https://www.mycoastline.org.uk/shoreline-management-plans/	Coastal Groups (local authority led) County councils Lead local flood authorities
River Basin Management Plan (RBMP)	River Basin Management Plans (RBMPs) set out how a combination of organisations and parties work together to improve water quality and environment within a catchment under the Water Framework Directive (WFD). The Conwy catchment comes under the Western Wales RBMP, which can be found here: https://naturalresources.wales/media/676165/wwrbdsuammary.pdf	Water companies Coastal Groups (local authority led) Natural Resources Wales Welsh Government Environment Agency Defra
Flood and Coastal Erosion Risk Management Programme (FCERM)	There is opportunity to work with other strategically outlined FCERM schemes planned in the region from 2021 to 2022, as shown in Figure 2.	Coastal Groups (local authority led) Natural Resources Wales Welsh Government Environment Agency Defra
Local Development Plans (LDPs)	The latest local development plans have been incorporated into the plan and future iterations of LDPs will be amended into the DWMP in future cycles.	Local Councils
Other Stakeholders and Non-governmental Organisation (NGOs)	There are a range of other stakeholders of varying interests regarding water in this region including national charities and organisations, as well as local conservation groups for wild swimming and angling (see right).	North Wales Wildlife Trust North Wales Rivers Trust Clwyd and Conwy Rivers Trust Clwyd and Conwy Conservation Trust

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Data is available from: <https://gov.wales/flood-and-coastal-erosion-risk-management-programme-2022-2023>

Figure 2 - Flood and Coastal Investment overview

3.0 Risk

We have assessed our likely performance from now to 2050 against the objectives that we set in our most recent business plan. The results of this assessment are presented in the following sections.

To understand future performance, we need to estimate how much population will change by, the degree to which climate change will impact Wales and areas of England that boarder our company, and how further surface water connected to the sewer network might increase the amount and rate at which rainfall drains into our sewers.

Urban creep is the term used to explain loss of green spaces, for example when new driveways or house extensions are built. It often leads to more rainwater entering sewers. Our forecasts suggest that urban creep will add up to 0.63 metres squared of impermeable ground per house per year.

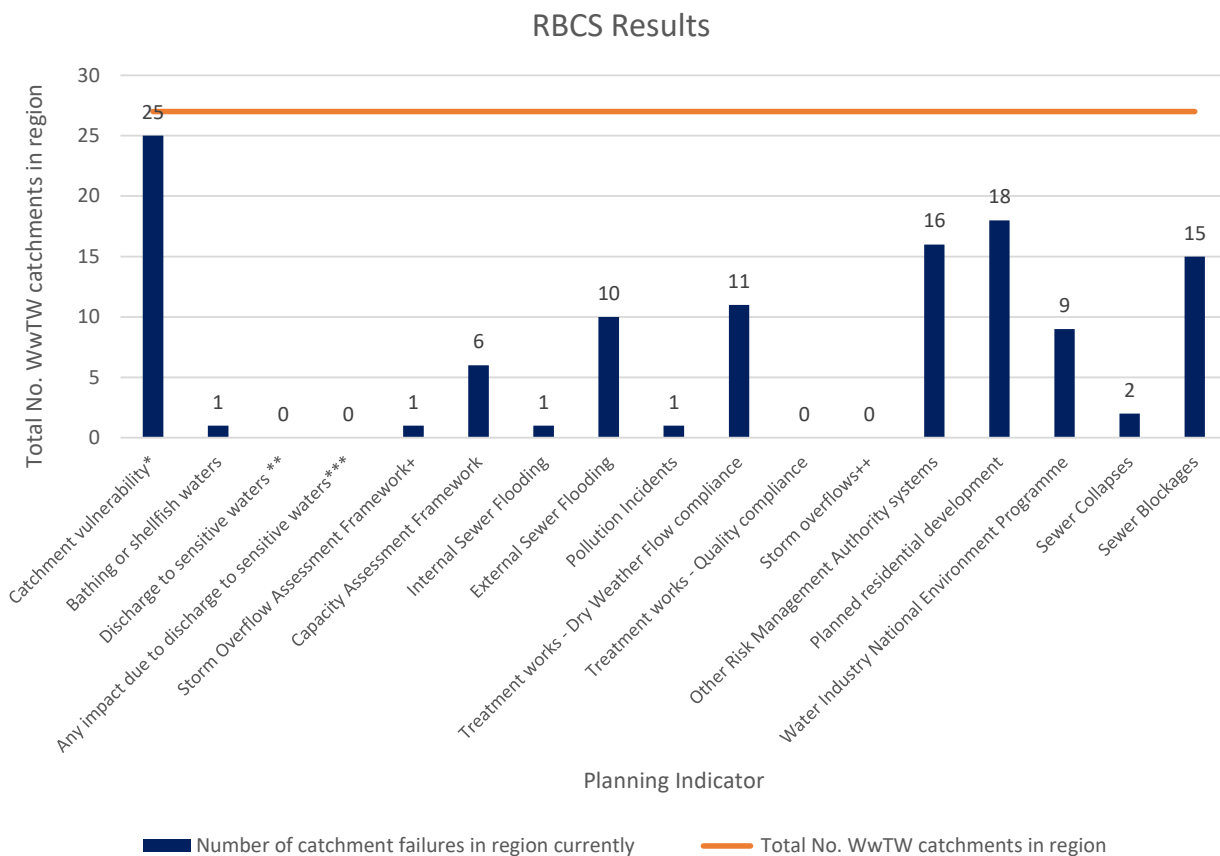
The population in the Conwy region is set to decrease to 80500 by 2050, a change of -13% based on our future projections. However there are major developments in localised areas that will contribute to future pressures on the network, including Dolgarrog - former alluminium works and Old Colwyn - Peulwys Lane.

Climate change is predicted to increase the intensity of storms by around 35% in this region. In a typical year, winters are likely to be warmer and wetter, and summers generally drier. More intense rainfall will happen more frequently.

3.1 Risk Based Catchment Screening

The Risk Based Catchment Screening (RBCS) is the initial screening process to determine if a more detailed risk assessment is required. The assessment screens catchments against planning indicators which have been stipulated in the national guidance for DWMPs. A catchment will pass through to a more detailed risk assessment if it fails against one or more of these indicators, the results are shown in Figure 3.

For the Conwy catchment the biggest concerns indicated by the RBCS are catchment characterisation (based on a vulnerability assessment of flooding due to local characteristics e.g. topography), planned residential development and other RMA systems (risk of interaction between other drainage systems).



* To sewer flooding due to extreme wet weather events.

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*** Categorised as a "identified" scheduled action within the Natural Resources Wales Action Database or considered as "Threat" on Natural England Designated Sites system.

+ Frequency investigation triggered.

++Overflow risks not covered by other indicators.

Figure 3 - Risk Based Catchment Screening results

3.2 Baseline Risk And Vulnerability Assessment (BRAVA)

Following on from the RBCS, the Baseline Risk and Vulnerability Assessment (BRAVA) highlights current and future risk. The risk scores are driven by company targets which were set in our last business plan. These targets were subdivided according to population or sewer length, depending on the measure, to derive a target for each river basin catchment.

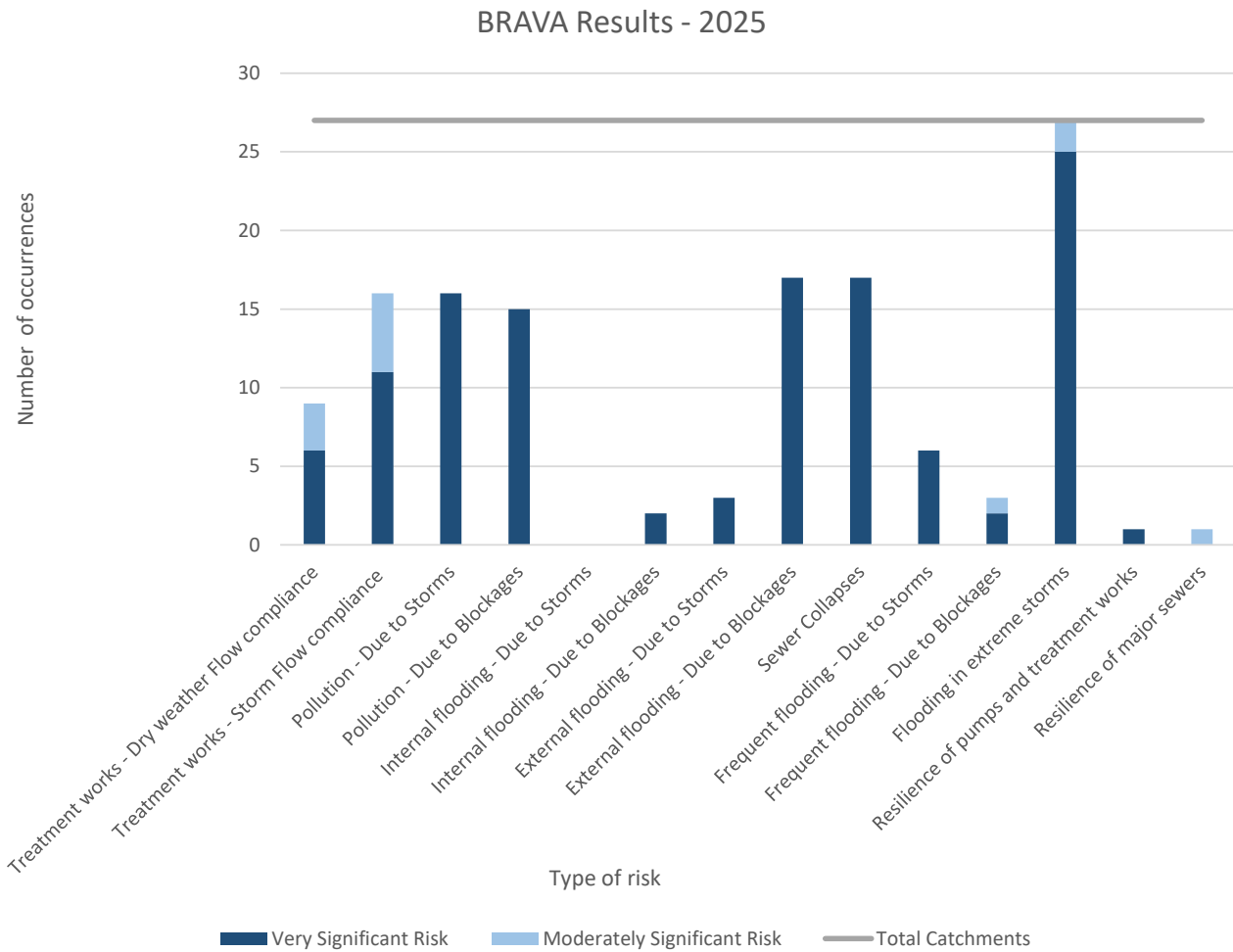


Figure 4 - BRAVA 2025 Summary

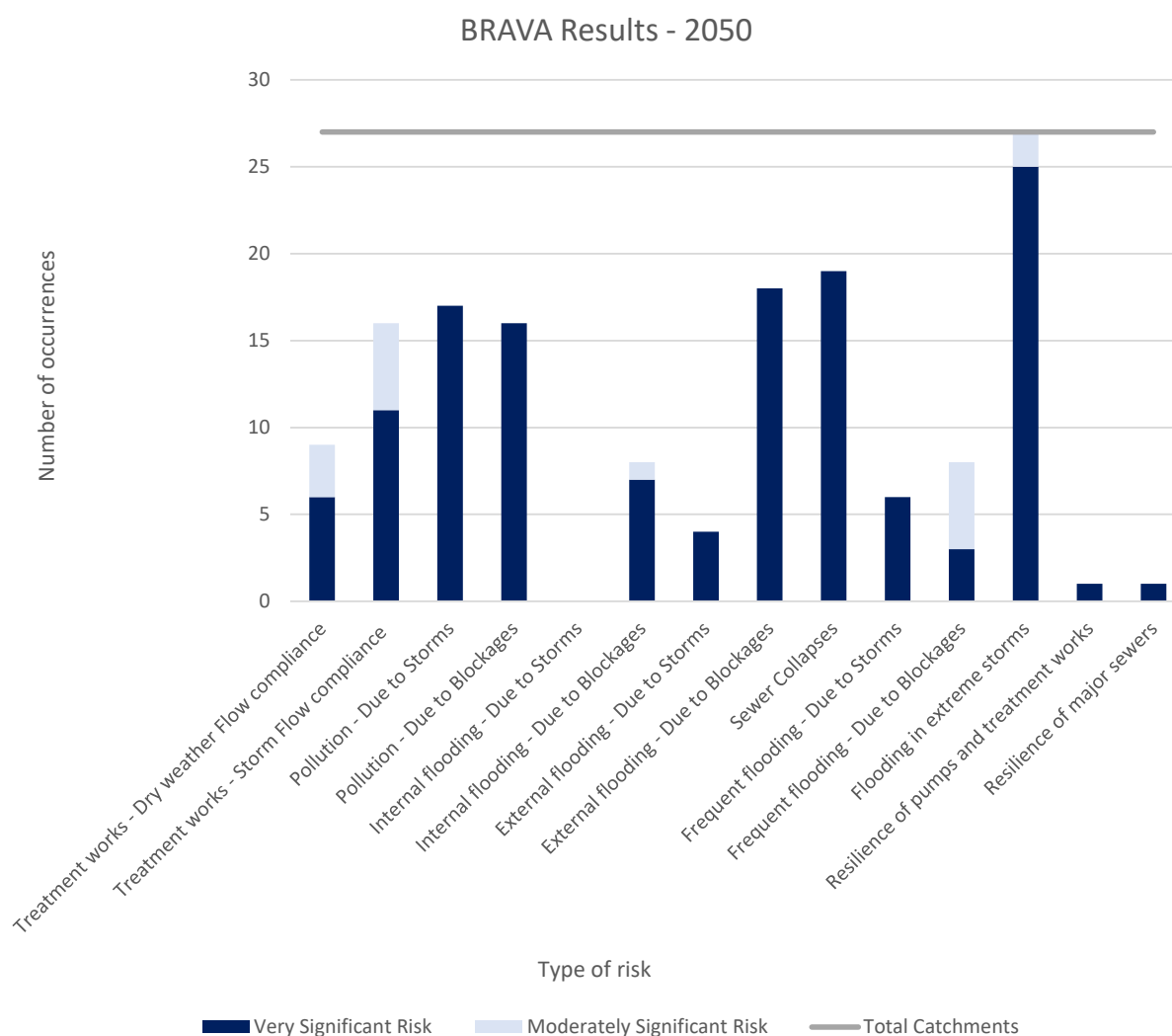


Figure 5 - BRAVA 2050 Summary

In both 2025 and 2050 risk of flooding in an extreme storm is the biggest concern in the Conwy catchment, followed by external flooding caused by blockages and sewer collapses.

Figures 6 and 7 indicate the current and predicted risk of flooding, pollution, and both flooding and pollution caused by lack of capacity (termed 'hydraulic overload') across our networks. These maps illustrate where the issues occur and can be used to target where we want to work with the community and stakeholders to resolve issues. By working together, we can combine knowledge and resources to deliver the best outcomes for local communities and the environment. We want to include your feedback in our decision-making process.

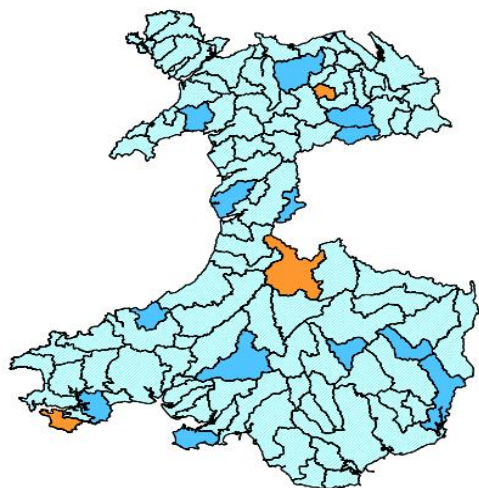
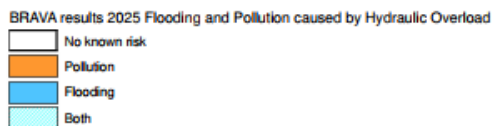


Figure 6 - Associated Strategic Planning Areas priority (2025)

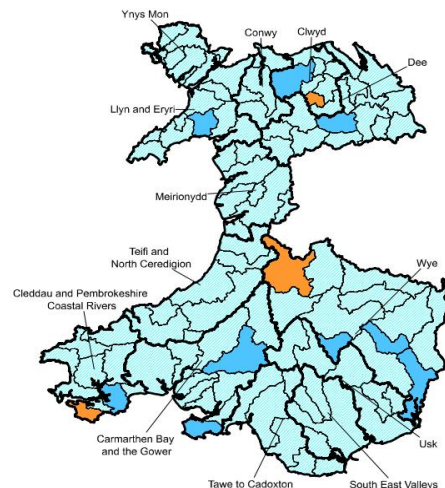
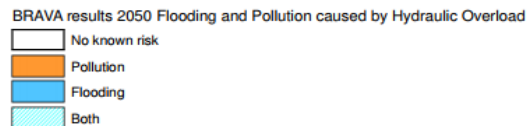


Figure 7 - Associated Strategic Planning Area priority (2050)

4.0 Supply Demand

Supply-demand is an assessment of the capacity of our treatment works. It approximately assesses whether all the treatment works in a region can collectively cope with current and future flows in dry weather. The suitability of the treatment works dry weather consents is tested against forecast future growth and changes in water consumption. This assesses the region's capacity, with no allowance for error, to treat the predicted changes in DWF in the future with no spare treatment works capacity.

Table 2 shows the supply-demand assessment for this region. Where a region may not have adequate capacity, it is flagged dark blue for further investigation. There may be local incapacity issues at individual treatment works within the region.

L2 Area	2025	2030	2035	2040	2045	2050
Conwy						

Table 2 - Supply Demand Balance

5.0 Options

Over time the pressures on our sewerage network change due to influences such as catchment growth, creep of rainwater into the network, or influences such as climate change impacting rainfall patterns. To ensure the plan is robust over the 30-year planning horizon we have tested various types of schemes, and combination of schemes, to ensure a robust journey plan is delivered. Figure 8 shows the journey plan scheme types that are most likely to be beneficial in this region across the plan.

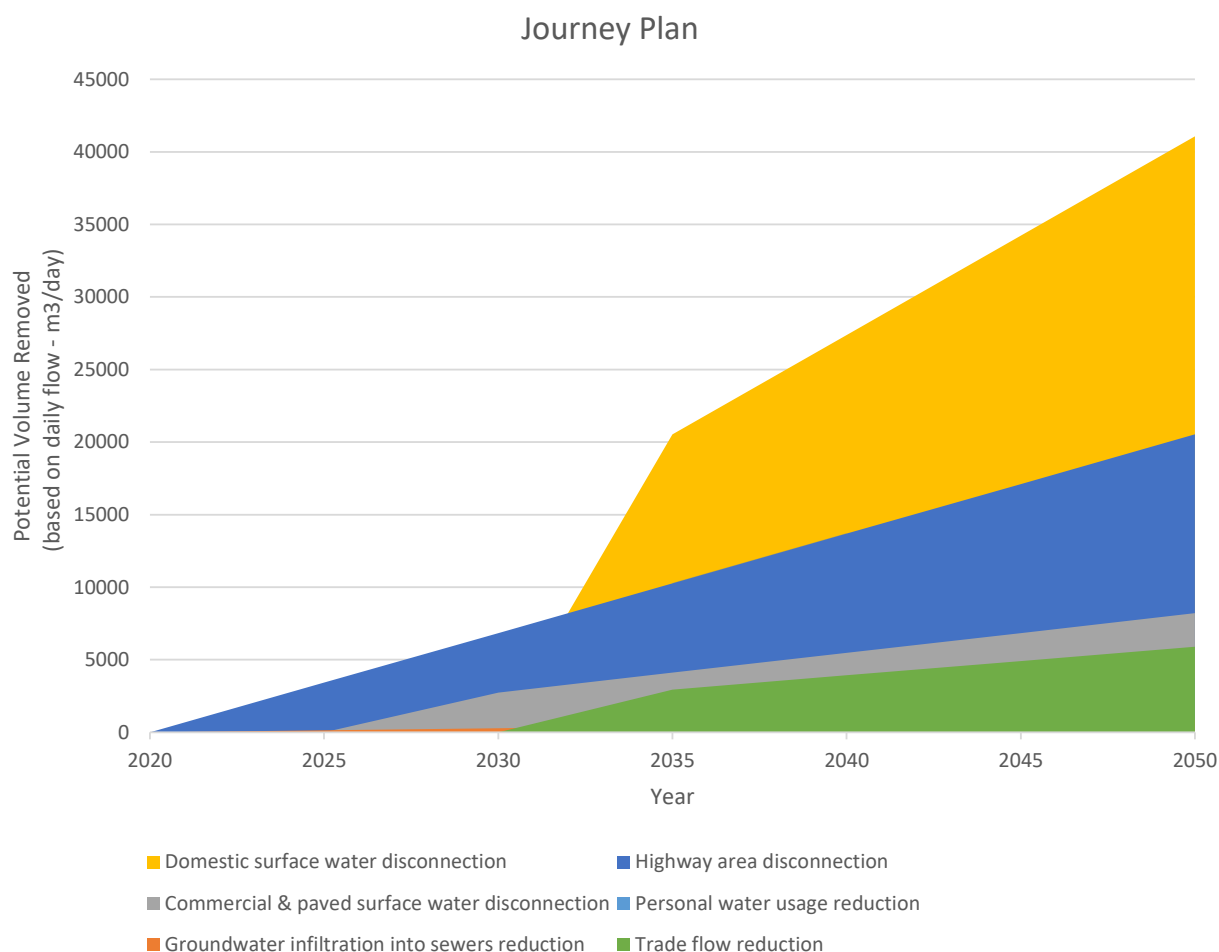


Figure 8 - Journey Plan

We have undertaken analysis to determine the likely costs to mitigate future predicted pollution and flooding. We assess combined sewer overflows based on the number of times they are predicted to spill in a 'typical year'. Table 3 illustrates both the size and cost of potential mitigation measures required to mitigate risk to varying standards. The assessment calculates the impact of rainfall and drainage contribution to the network relative to today's cost.

Mitigating the risk posed by flooding has been assessed in terms of the probability of occurrence, we use the size of a storm event that has the probability of occurring once every 30 years. Table 4 illustrates both the size and cost of potential mitigation measures to mitigate varying flood risk types. These have been assessed against a 'typical year' of rainfall.

The choice of scenarios for storm overflow mitigation in Table 3 is a separate cost and would be required in addition to the choice of scenarios for flooding protection in Table 4. The chosen scenarios for Storm overflows and flooding are to be added together.

Choice of Scenario	Current Scenario (£)	2030 Scenario (£)	2050 Scenario (£)
Maintain Existing Performance*	-	£77,000,000	£104,800,000
40 spills in a Typical Year	£14,000,000	£18,000,000	£17,000,000
20 spills in a Typical Year	£28,000,000	£30,000,000	£33,000,000
10 spills in a Typical Year	£40,000,000	£48,000,000	£56,000,000
0 spills in a Typical Year	£141,000,000	£171,000,000	£193,000,000
Equivalent No. Principality Stadiums Full of Water in 10 spills scenario	0.34	0.47	0.53

* Maintain is a considered scenario where we will continue to maintain the current level of service within the region and improve the network and address known and emerging risk.

Table 3 - Summary of Combined Sewer Overflow Option Investment Strategy Costs

Choice of Scenario	Current Scenario (£)	2050 Scenario (£)	2050 Resilience Scenario (£) 1 in 50 yr. (Storm Dennis)
Internal escapes	£18,000,000	£26,000,000	£22,000,000
External escapes in gardens	£67,000,000	£84,000,000	£72,000,000
Escapes in highways	£85,000,000	£107,000,000	£108,000,000
No future flooding	-	£148,000,000	£26,000,000
Total	£170,000,000	£365,000,000	£228,000,000

Table 4 - Summary of Flooding Option Investments Strategy Costs

Tables 3 and 4 are strategic cost indications to illustrate the level of investment needed to provide protection against drainage and network failure, pollution events and flooding, internal and external to properties. The solutions developed highlight the level of investment required to bring our entire network up to the level of protection required to be resilient for future risk and demands. The range of scenarios is to provide a choice for understanding and discussion of future direction.

We are beginning to break down the investment indicated in Table 3 and 4 by creating practical schemes ready for delivery these schemes are designed as 100% traditional, 100% sustainable or green and 100% mixture of the 2. These packages have then been analysed in terms of their long term benefit and environmental and social cost to society and one has been chosen for inclusion as our preferred best value option. The areas where we have started our delivery programme aims to provide protection, to our worst served customers and rivers designated as Special Areas of Conservation (SAC) under the Habitat Directive, as a priority against drainage and network failure which result in pollution events and flooding. The solutions developed highlight the level of investment required to bring our network to the level of protection required to mitigate against these risks.

More detailed information can be seen in the Level 3 reports. For more information on the methodology see the plan main report.

If you want to work with us to develop joint projects to reduce the risk of flooding and protect the environment, please get in touch.

We will continue to work with Welsh Government, Regulators and Local Authorities about the pace, scale and affordability of improvements to be made.

We will be consulting on the preferred approach to planning and once its concluded the next stage is to develop the pipeline of options to meet the pace scale and affordability discussed with Welsh Government and our regulators.

DWMP Tactical Planning Catchment Summary



Conwy - Merddwr to Caletwr

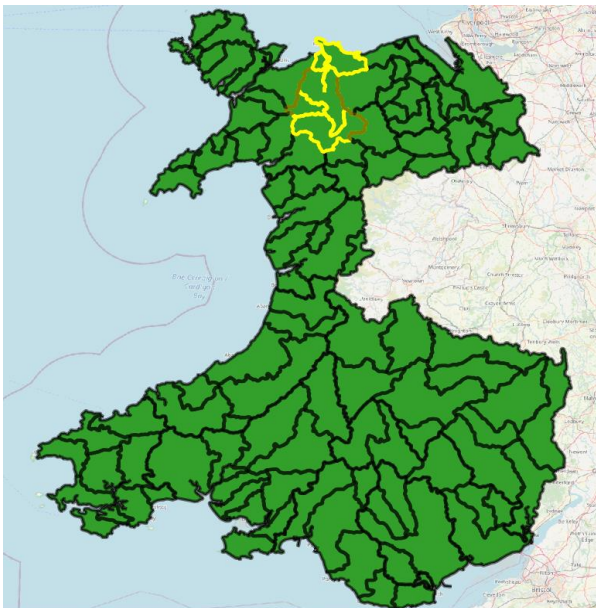
1.0 Introduction

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1.1 Catchment Information

The Conwy - Merddwr to Caletwr planning catchment lies within the Conwy river basin catchment, (see Figure 1 below), it consists of 6 wastewater catchments (see Figure 2 below). There is a combined population of 1328, this is set to decrease to 1150 by 2050, a change of -13%. There is a total sewer length of 15km, with a foul sewer length of 2km, a surface water length of 0km and a combined sewer length of 13km. There are 6 Wastewater Treatment Works (WwTW), 4 Sewerage Pumping Stations (SPSs), and 6 Combined Storm Overflows (CSOs) across this tactical planning unit.

The Conwy - Merddwr to Caletwr catchment lies in the middle of Snowdonia National Park. The River Conwy flows down into the sea at Conwy. Penmachno and Dolwyddelan are its largest urban areas.



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Figure 1 - River basin location detailing the associated tactical planning catchments

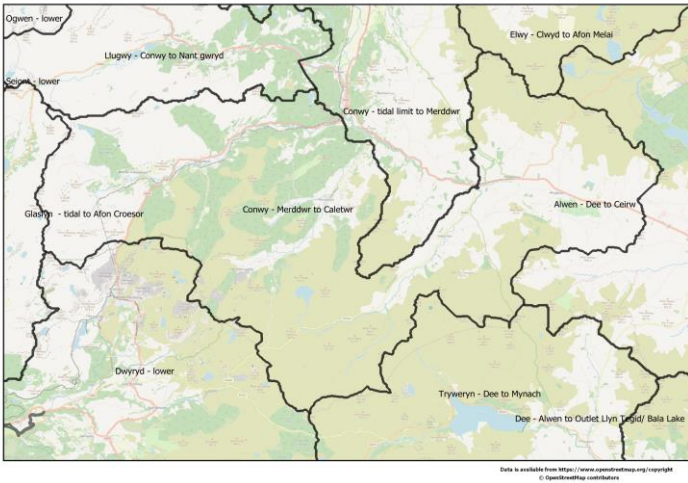


Figure 2- Tactical planning catchments

2.0 Stakeholder Engagement

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Scheme Information
Stakeholder engagement meetings are scheduled to commence in 2022. These meetings will be held between DCWW and the respective parties, such as NRW, EA, Councils and ENGO's. Further information of the outcome and points of focus towards short and long term strategy planning will be provided in the next cycle of the DWMP assessment.

Table 1 - Current and future investigation schemes

3.0 Risk

We have assessed our likely performance from now to 2050 against the objectives that we set in our most recent business plan. The results of this assessment are presented in the following sections.

To understand future performance, we need to estimate how much population will change by, the degree to which climate change will impact Wales and areas of England that border our company, and how further surface water connected to the sewer network might increase the amount and rate at which rainfall drains into our sewers.

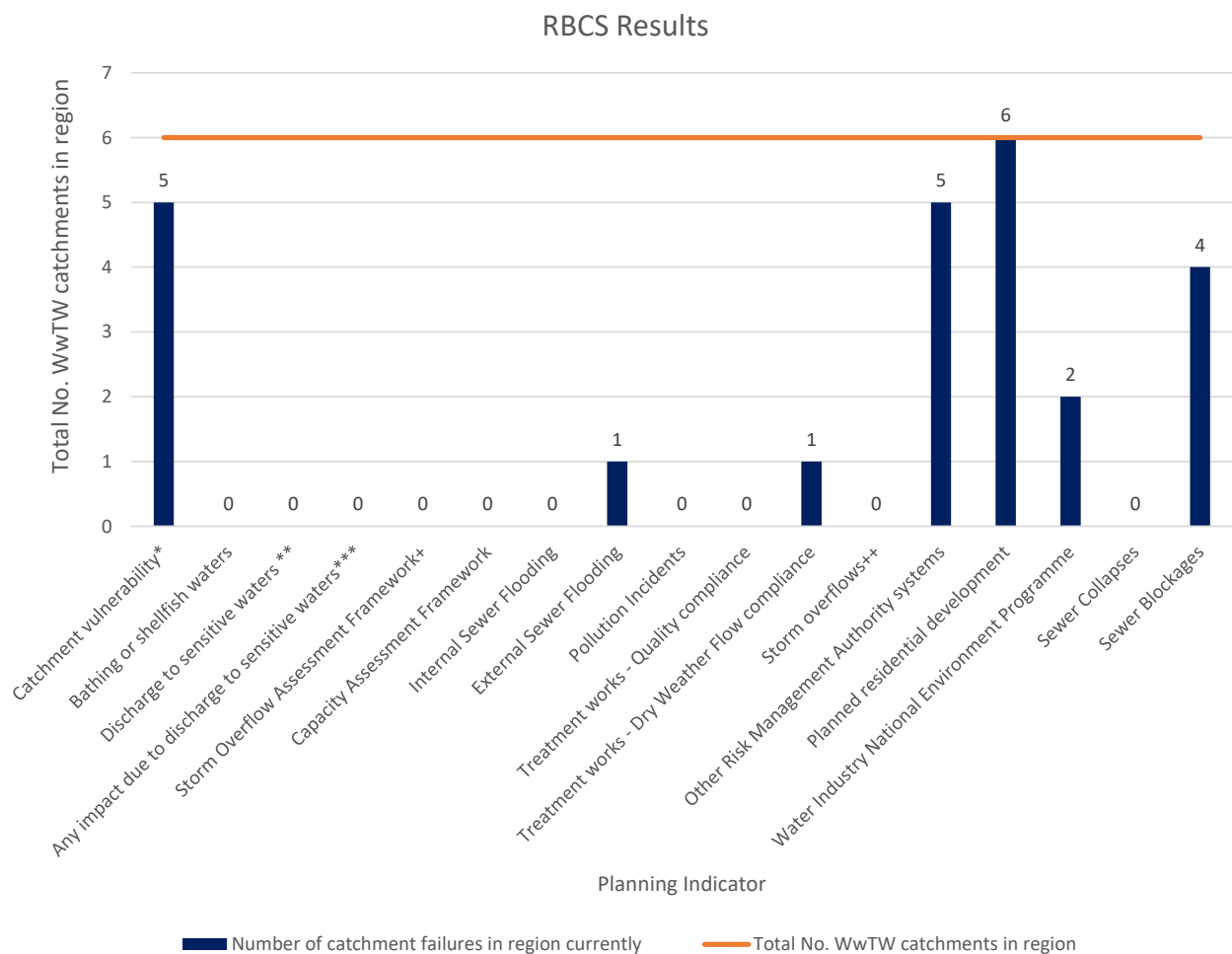
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Climate change is predicted to increase the intensity of storms by around 35% in this region. In a typical year, winters are likely to be warmer and wetter, and summers generally drier. More intense rainfall will happen more frequently. The population in the Conwy region is set to decrease to 1200 by 2050, a change of -13% based on our future projections. However there are major developments in localised areas that will contribute to future pressures on the network, including Dolwyddelan - land adjacent to Rathborne Terrace and Penmachno - land near Maes y Waen.

3.1 Risk Based Catchment Screening

The Risk Based Catchment Screening (RBCS) is the initial screening process to determine if a more detailed risk assessment is required. The assessment screens catchments against planning indicators which have been stipulated in the national guidance for DWMPs. A catchment will pass through to a more detailed risk assessment if it fails against one or more of these indicators, the results are shown in Figure 3.

For the Conwy - Merddwr to Caletwr catchment the biggest concerns indicated by the RBCS is planned residential development.



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Figure 3 - Risk Based Catchment Screening results

3.2 Baseline Risk And Vulnerability Assessment (BRAVA)

Following on from the RBCS, the Baseline Risk and Vulnerability Assessment (BRAVA) highlights current and future risk. The risk scores are driven by company targets which were set in our last business plan. These targets were subdivided according to population or sewer length, depending on the measure, to derive a target for each river basin catchment.

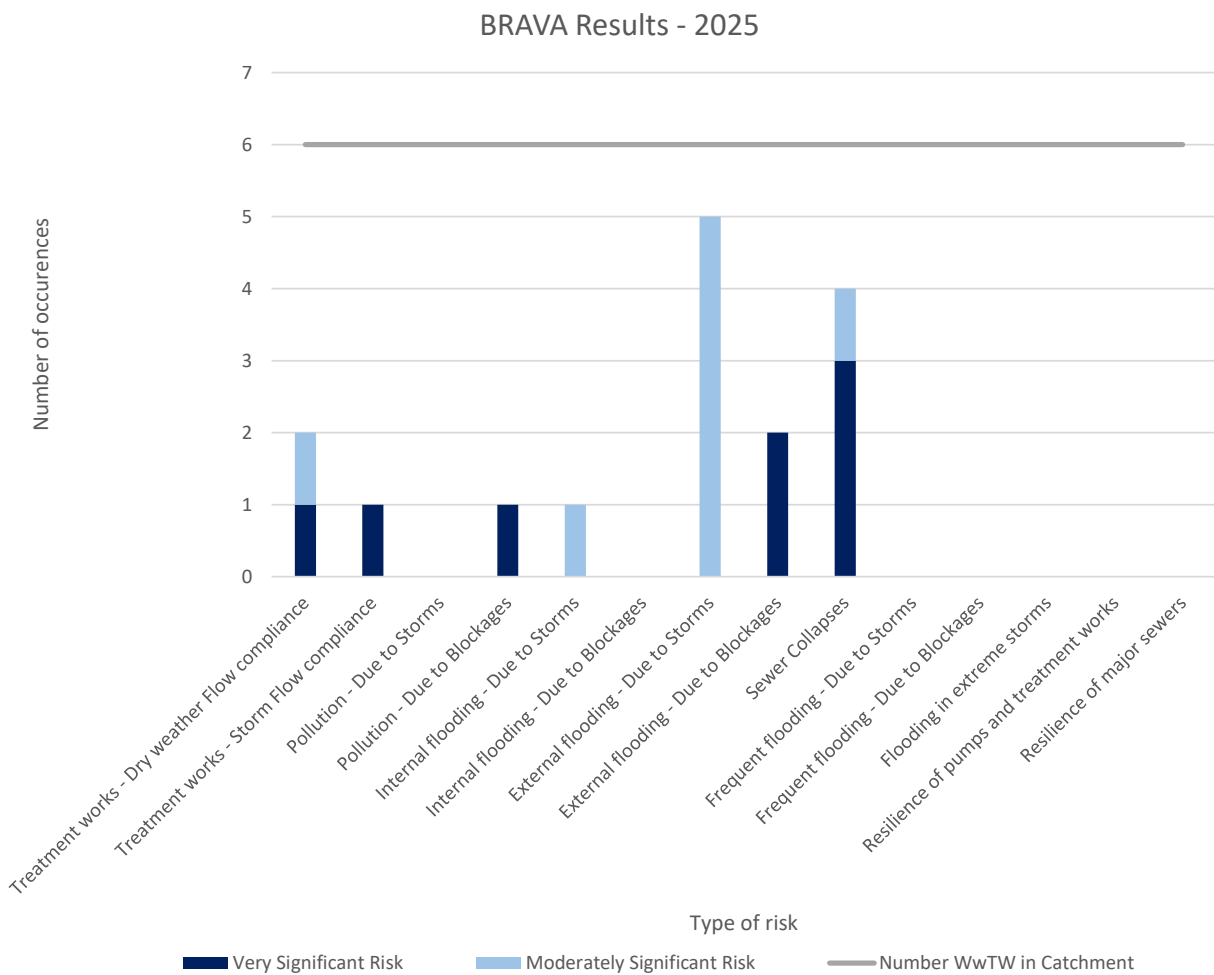


Figure 4 - BRAVA 2025 Summary

In 2025, external flooding due to storms followed by sewer collapses are the biggest concerns in the Conwy - Merddwr to Caletwr catchment.

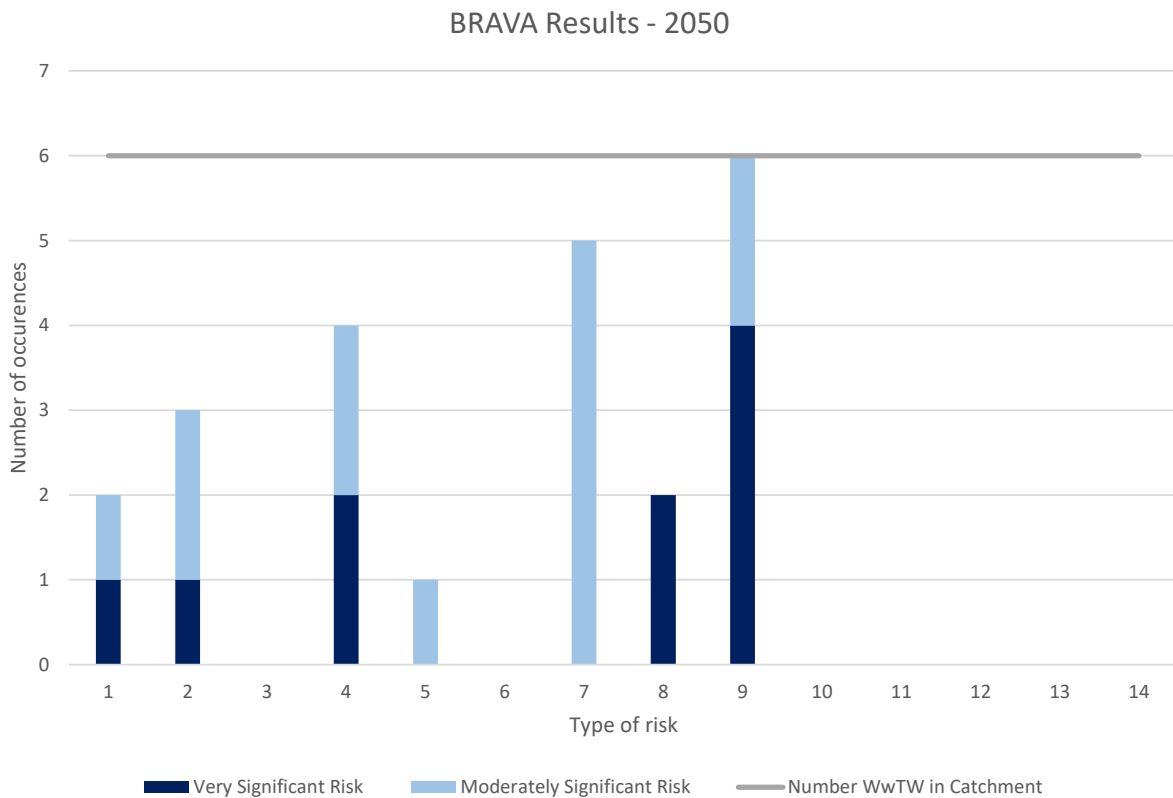


Figure 5 - BRAVA 2050 Summary

In 2050, sewer collapses followed by external flooding due to storms are the biggest concerns in the Conwy - Merddwr to Caletwr catchment.

Figures 6 and 7 indicate the current and predicted risk of flooding, pollution, and both flooding and pollution caused by lack of capacity (termed 'hydraulic overload') across our networks. These maps illustrate where the issues occur and can be used to target where we want to work with the community and stakeholders to resolve issues. By working together, we can combine knowledge and resources to deliver the best outcomes for local communities and the environment. We want to include your feedback in our decision-making process.

BRAVA results 2025 Flooding and Pollution caused by Hydraulic Overload

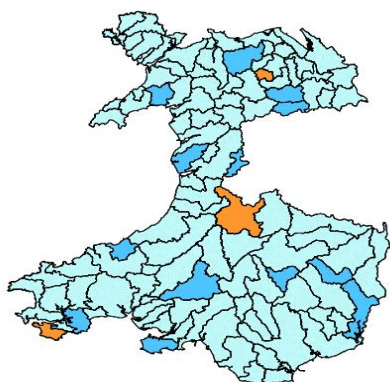
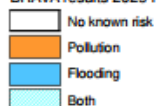


Figure 6 - Associated Strategic Planning Areas priority (2025)

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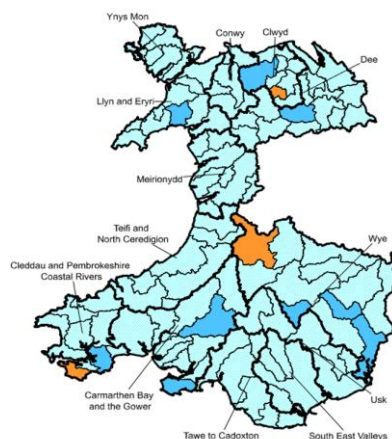
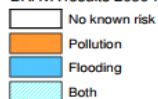


Figure 7 - Associated Strategic Planning Areas

3.3 Water Quality

Water quality is the classification of the quality of watercourses or water bodies in accordance to its physical, biological and chemical properties. Water quality is an important factor of environmental monitoring, ensuring that not only the water body is safe but the surrounding habitat and ecosystem is also.

Water quality status is categorised from 1 to 4, with 4 being the worst case. The priority status is based on the significance towards the risk factors triggering water quality. Conwy - Merddwr to Caletwr has a water quality priority status for 2050 of 1 which indicates targeted investment to mitigate and focus during AMP11.

4.0 Supply Demand

Supply-demand is an assessment of the capacity of our treatment works. It approximately assesses whether all the treatment works in a region can collectively cope with current and future flows in dry and wet weather. There are two parts to the assessment: dry weather flow (DWF) and a wet weather capacity assessment.

For the DWF part of the assessment, the suitability of the dry weather consents is tested against forecast future growth and changes in water consumption. Results for three scenarios are provided: the 0% headroom scenario assesses the region's capability for treating the predicted changes in DWF in the future with no allowance for error, with no spare treatment works capacity. The other scenarios indicate resilience - i.e. could we cope if we had flows 10% or 20% higher than estimated?

The wet weather assessment takes storm consent values where available as an indication of treatment works capacity and estimates the amount of incoming flow the treatment works is able to treat across a year. Again, three scenarios are shown, with differing treatment "targets" - i.e. if we wanted to ensure that 70% of the wet weather flows in a catchment were treated, could the treatment works cope? Changes in rainfall due to climate change and changing dry weather flows within the region mean that the percentage of flow treated across a year can change in the future.

Table 2 shows the supply-demand assessment for this region. Where a region may not have adequate capacity under a given scenario, it is flagged dark blue for further investigation. There may be local incapacity issues at individual works within the region.

L3 Area	Headroom	2025	2030	2035	2040	2045	2050
Conwy - Merddwr to Caletwr	0%						
	10%						
	20%						
	Treatment Target	2025	2030	2035	2040	2045	2050
	70%						
	80%						
	90%						

Table 2 - Supply Demand Balance

5.0 Options

Over time the pressures on our sewerage network change due to influences such as catchment growth, creep of rainwater into the network, or influences such as climate change impacting rainfall patterns. To ensure the plan is robust over the 30-year planning horizon and to account for the uniqueness of each catchment we have tested various types of schemes, and combination of schemes, to ensure a robust 'best value' plan is delivered.

The types of schemes tested are detailed in Table 3 and can be categorised into either improving network resilience to rainfall or improving network headroom in dry weather flow conditions.

Improving Resilience		
10% Reduction in area draining to the combined sewers	Represents removal of runoff from large commercial buildings.	Short term
25% Reduction reduction in area draining to the combined sewers	Represents removal of area runoff from non-residential paved areas where there is only one stakeholder (e.g. Local Authority or Highways Agency).	Medium term
50% Reduction reduction in area draining to the combined sewers	Represents removal of runoff from any connected area including residential properties. There are likely to be multiple stakeholders to engage with.	Long term
Improving Headroom		
Reducing infiltration	Reducing infiltration into sewers by 50%, which could be achieved by relining or replacing the public sewers .	Medium term
Reducing water use	Represents a reduction in water use per person to around 100l per person per day by 2050 by application of water efficiency measures	Medium term
Reducing trade flow	Reduce trade flows by around 25% by application of water efficiency measures.	Long term

Table 3 - Risk mitigation details

We have undertaken an analysis of all our wastewater catchments to determine the benefit in terms of potential volume of water removed from our systems for each scheme type to determine a journey plan, (see Figure 8 below), which provides the direction of the best scheme types to undertake in this catchment for the most benefit against predicted future risk from growth, creep and climate change.

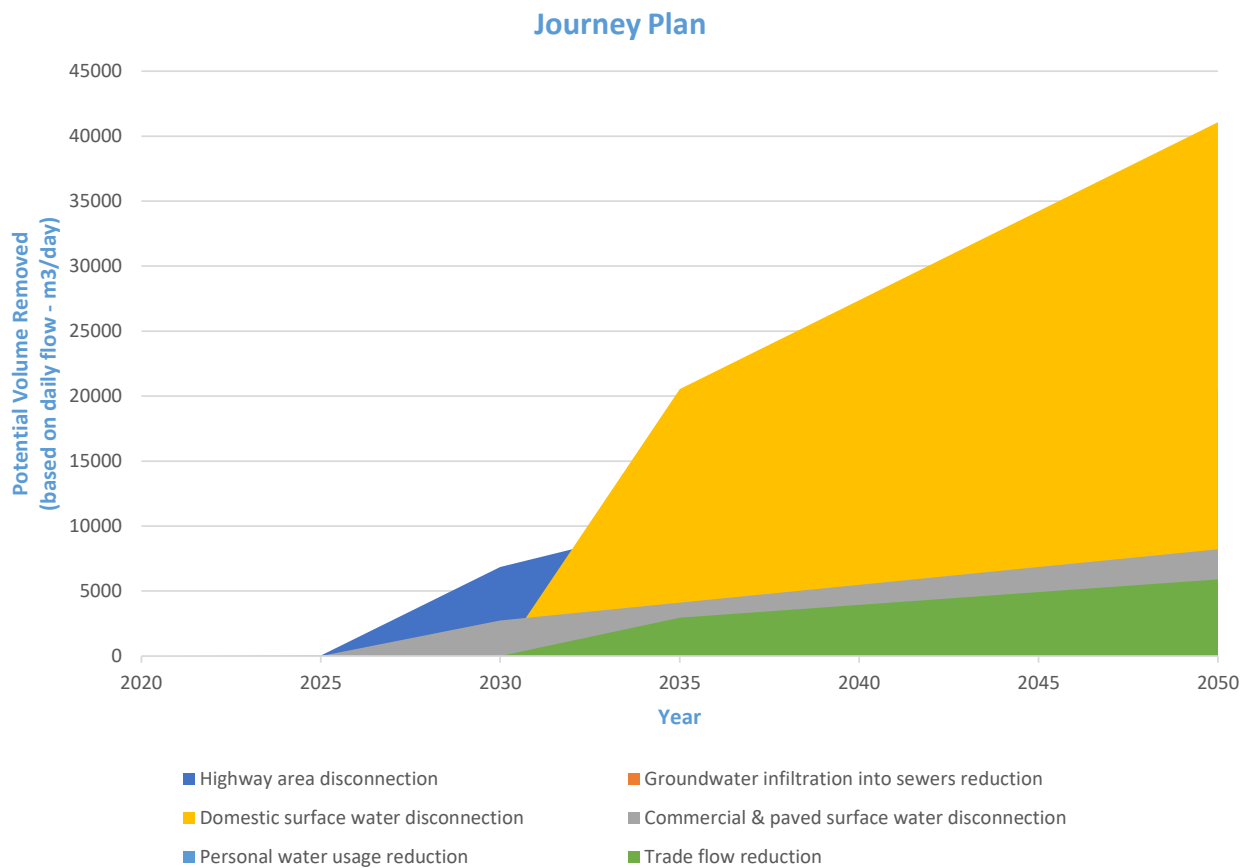


Figure 8 - Journey Plan

Approaches to managing risk

We have undertaken analysis to determine the likely costs to mitigate future predicted pollution and flooding. We assess combined sewer overflows based on the number of times they are predicted to spill in a 'typical year'. Table 4 illustrates the cost of potential measures to mitigate risk to varying standards. The assessment calculates the impact of rainfall and drainage contributions to the network relative to today's costs.

Mitigating the risk posed by flooding has been assessed in terms of probability of occurrence, we use the size of a storm event that has the probability of occurring once every 30 years. Table 5 illustrates the cost of potential mitigation measures to mitigate varying flood risk types.

The choice of scenarios for storm overflow mitigation in Table 4 is a separate cost and would be required in addition to the choice of scenarios for flooding protection in Table 5. The chosen scenarios for Storm overflows and flooding are to be added together.

Choice of Scenario	Current Scenario (£)	2030 Scenario (£)	2050 Scenario (£)
Maintain Existing Performance*	-	£17,000,000.00	£24,000,000.00
40 spills in a Typical Year	£6,000,000.00	£5,000,000.00	£5,000,000.00
20 spills in a Typical Year	£7,000,000.00	£7,000,000.00	£7,000,000.00
10 spills in a Typical Year	£8,000,000.00	£8,000,000.00	£8,000,000.00
0 spills in a Typical Year	£18,000,000.00	£18,000,000.00	£19,000,000.00
Equivalent No. Olympic Swimming Pools in 10 spills scenario	81.00	89.00	97.00

* Maintain is a considered scenario where we will continue to maintain the current level of service within the region and improve the network and address known and emerging risk.

Table 4 - Summary of Combined Sewer Overflow option investments

Choice of Scenario	Current Scenario (£)	2050 Scenario (£)	2050 Resilience Scenario (£) 1 in 50 yr (Storm Dennis)
Internal escapes	£2,000,000	£2,000,000	£4,000,000
External escapes in gardens	£1,000,000	£1,000,000	£1,000,000
Escapes in highways	£2,000,000	£2,000,000	£4,000,000
No future flooding	-	£2,000,000	£6,000,000
Total	£5,000,000.00	£7,000,000	£15,000,000

Table 5 - Summary of Flooding option investments

We have developed solutions which aim to provide protection against drainage and network failure, pollution events and flooding, internal and external to properties. The solutions developed highlight the level of investment required to bring our entire network up to the level of protection required to be resilient for future risk and demands. The range of scenarios is to provide a choice for understanding and discussion of future direction.

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L4 Catchments	No. Schemes
GLASFRYN (SE OF BETW-Y-COED)	0
YSBYTY IFAN STW	0
PENTREFOELAS	0
CWM PENMACHNO STW	0
DOLWYDDELAN	0
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DWMP Tactical Planning Catchment Summary



Conwy - tidal limit to Merddwr

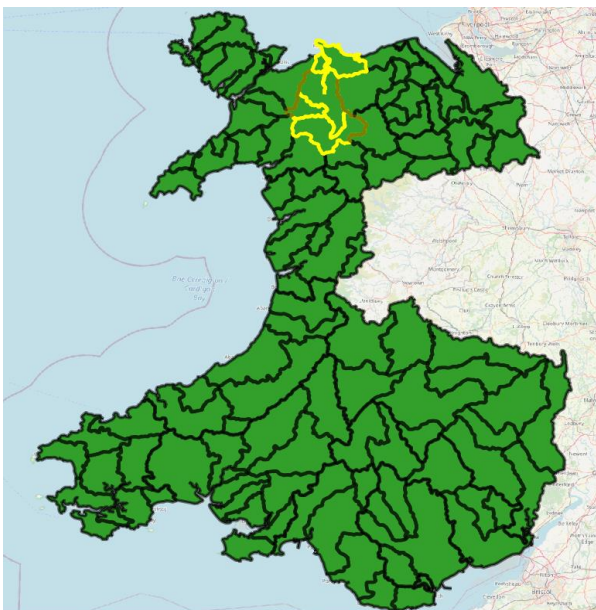
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1.1 Catchment Information

The Conwy - tidal limit to Merddwr planning catchment lies within the Conwy river basin catchment, (see Figure 1 below), it consists of 12 wastewater catchments (see Figure 2 below). There is a combined population of 9478, this is set to decrease to 7464 by 2050, a change of -21%. There is a total sewer length of 66km, with a foul sewer length of 5km, a surface water length of 2km and a combined sewer length of 56km. There are 12 Wastewater Treatment Works (WwTW), 14 Sewerage Pumping Stations (SPSs), and 19 Combined Storm Overflows (CSOs) across this tactical planning unit.

The Conwy - tidal limit to Merddwr catchment extends to the North East of Snowdonia National Park. The River Conwy flows down into the sea at Conwy. Dolgarrog and Llanrwst are its largest urban areas.



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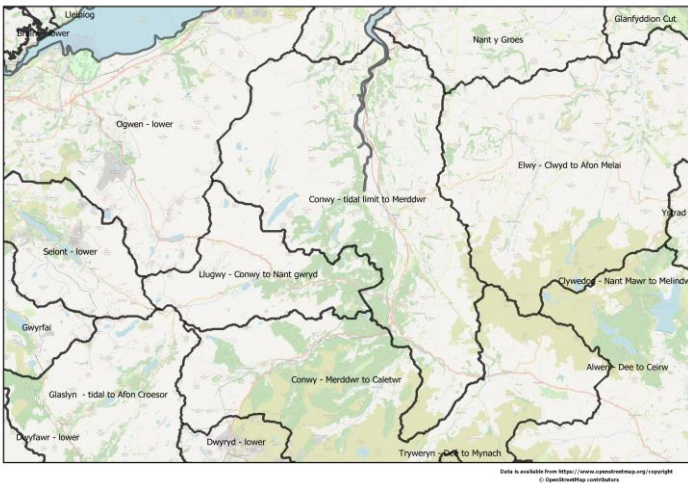


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Scheme Information
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Table 1 - Current and future investigation schemes

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We have assessed our likely performance from now to 2050 against the objectives that we set in our most recent business plan. The results of this assessment are presented in the following sections.

To understand future performance, we need to estimate how much population will change by, the degree to which climate change will impact Wales and areas of England that border our company, and how further surface water connected to the sewer network might increase the amount and rate at which rainfall drains into our sewers.

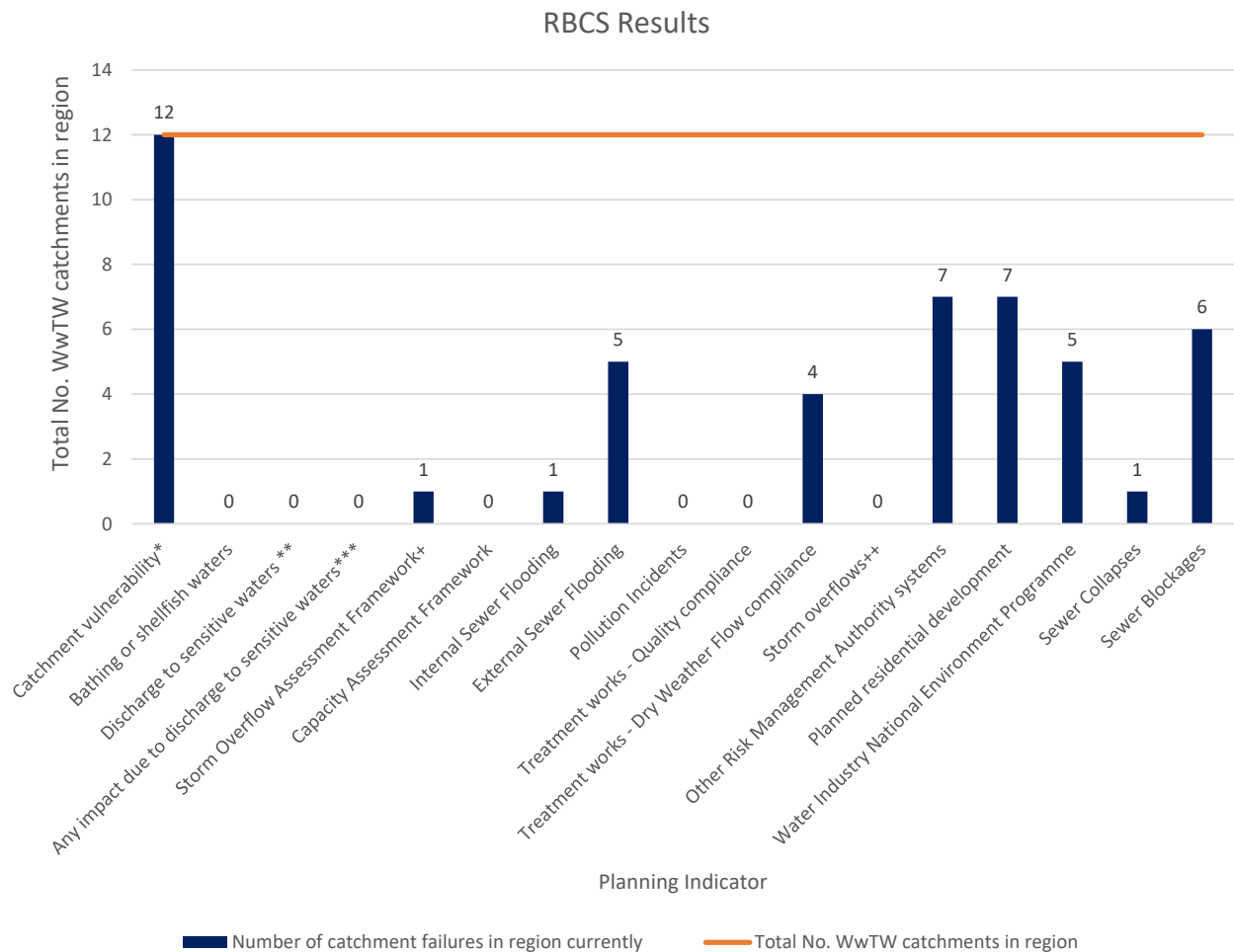
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Climate change is predicted to increase the intensity of storms by around 35% in this region. In a typical year, winters are likely to be warmer and wetter, and summers generally drier. More intense rainfall will happen more frequently. The population in the Conwy region is set to decrease to 7500 by 2050, a change of -21% based on our future projections. However there are major developments in localised areas that will contribute to future pressures on the network, including Dolgarrog - former aluminium works and Llanrwst - Bryn Hyfryd/Ffordd Tan yr Ysgol.

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For the Conwy - tidal limit to Merddwr catchment the biggest concern indicated by the RBCS is catchment characterisation (based on a vulnerability assessment of flooding due to local characteristics e.g. topography).



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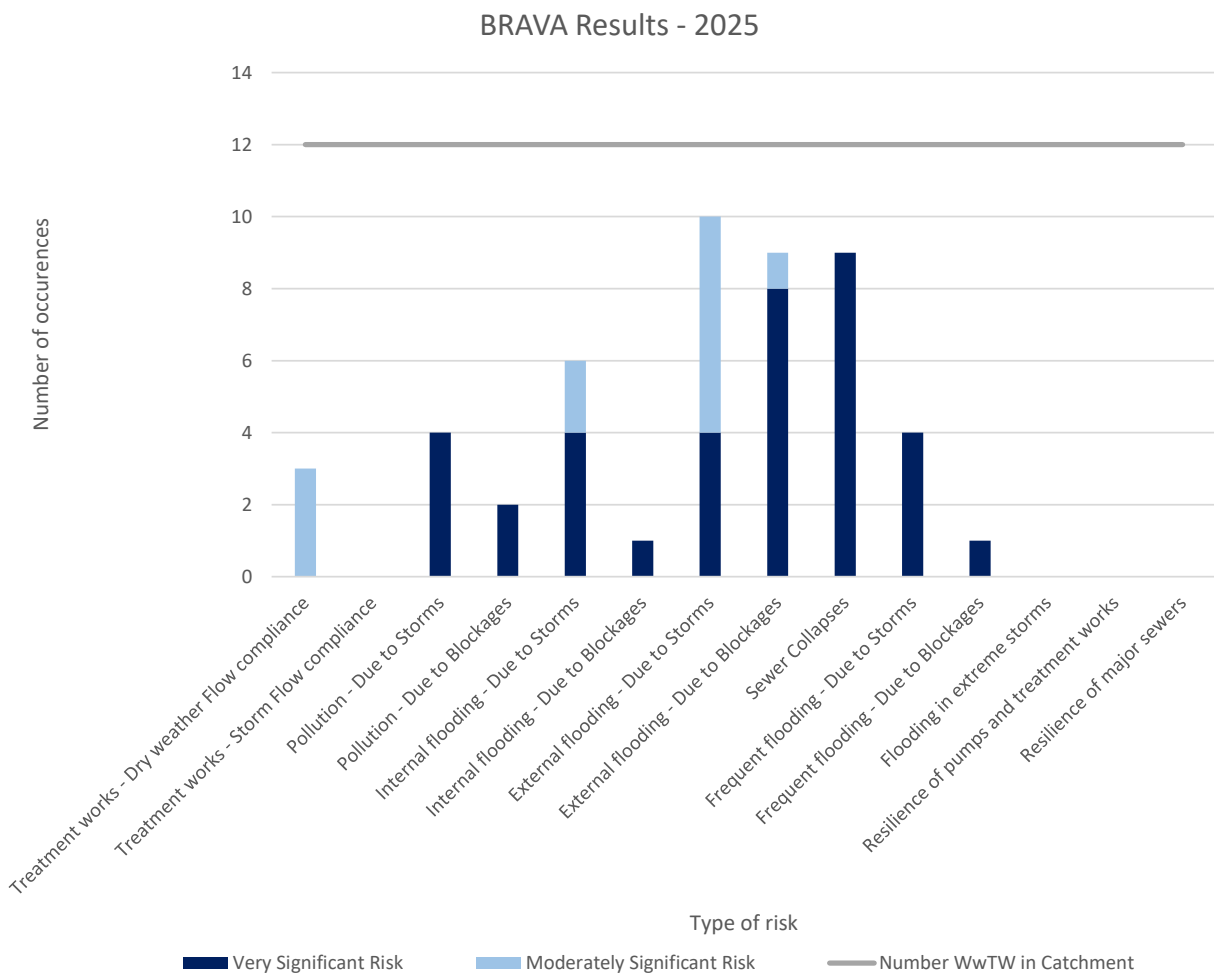


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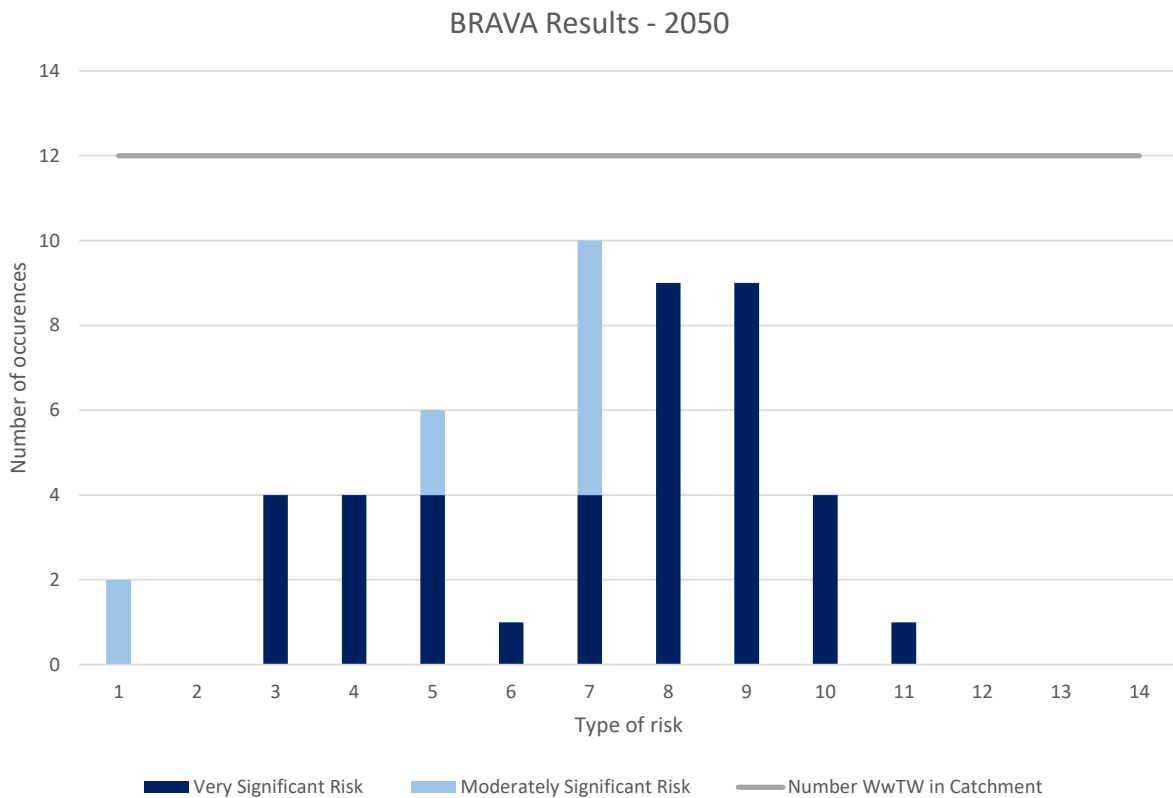


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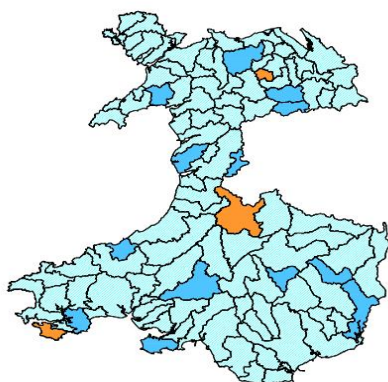
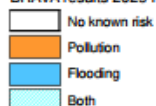


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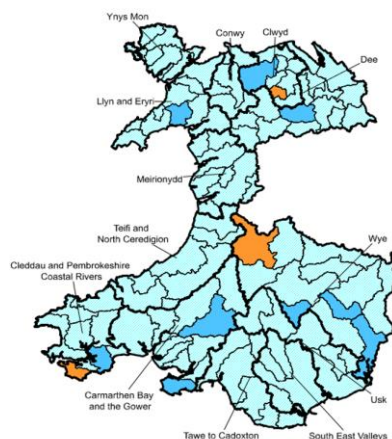
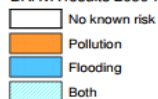


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Water quality status is categorised from 1 to 4, with 4 being the worst case. The priority status is based on the significance towards the risk factors triggering water quality. Conwy - tidal limit to Merddwr has a water quality priority status for 2050 of 1 which indicates targeted investment to mitigate and focus during AMP11.

4.0 Supply Demand

Supply-demand is an assessment of the capacity of our treatment works. It approximately assesses whether all the treatment works in a region can collectively cope with current and future flows in dry and wet weather. There are two parts to the assessment: dry weather flow (DWF) and a wet weather capacity assessment.

For the DWF part of the assessment, the suitability of the dry weather consents is tested against forecast future growth and changes in water consumption. Results for three scenarios are provided: the 0% headroom scenario assesses the region's capability for treating the predicted changes in DWF in the future with no allowance for error, with no spare treatment works capacity. The other scenarios indicate resilience - i.e. could we cope if we had flows 10% or 20% higher than estimated?

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Table 2 shows the supply-demand assessment for this region. Where a region may not have adequate capacity under a given scenario, it is flagged dark blue for further investigation. There may be local incapacity issues at individual works within the region.

L3 Area	Headroom	2025	2030	2035	2040	2045	2050
Conwy - tidal limit to Merddwr	0%						
	10%						
	20%						
	Treatment Target	2025	2030	2035	2040	2045	2050
	70%						
	80%						
	90%						

Table 2 - Supply Demand Balance

5.0 Options

Over time the pressures on our sewerage network change due to influences such as catchment growth, creep of rainwater into the network, or influences such as climate change impacting rainfall patterns. To ensure the plan is robust over the 30-year planning horizon and to account for the uniqueness of each catchment we have tested various types of schemes, and combination of schemes, to ensure a robust 'best value' plan is delivered.

The types of schemes tested are detailed in Table 3 and can be categorised into either improving network resilience to rainfall or improving network headroom in dry weather flow conditions.

Improving Resilience		
10% Reduction in area draining to the combined sewers	Represents removal of runoff from large commercial buildings.	Short term
25% Reduction reduction in area draining to the combined sewers	Represents removal of area runoff from non-residential paved areas where there is only one stakeholder (e.g. Local Authority or Highways Agency).	Medium term
50% Reduction reduction in area draining to the combined sewers	Represents removal of runoff from any connected area including residential properties. There are likely to be multiple stakeholders to engage with.	Long term
Improving Headroom		
Reducing infiltration	Reducing infiltration into sewers by 50%, which could be achieved by relining or replacing the public sewers .	Medium term
Reducing water use	Represents a reduction in water use per person to around 100l per person per day by 2050 by application of water efficiency measures	Medium term
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Table 3 - Risk mitigation details

We have undertaken an analysis of all our wastewater catchments to determine the benefit in terms of potential volume of water removed from our systems for each scheme type to determine a journey plan, (see Figure 8 below), which provides the direction of the best scheme types to undertake in this catchment for the most benefit against predicted future risk from growth, creep and climate change.

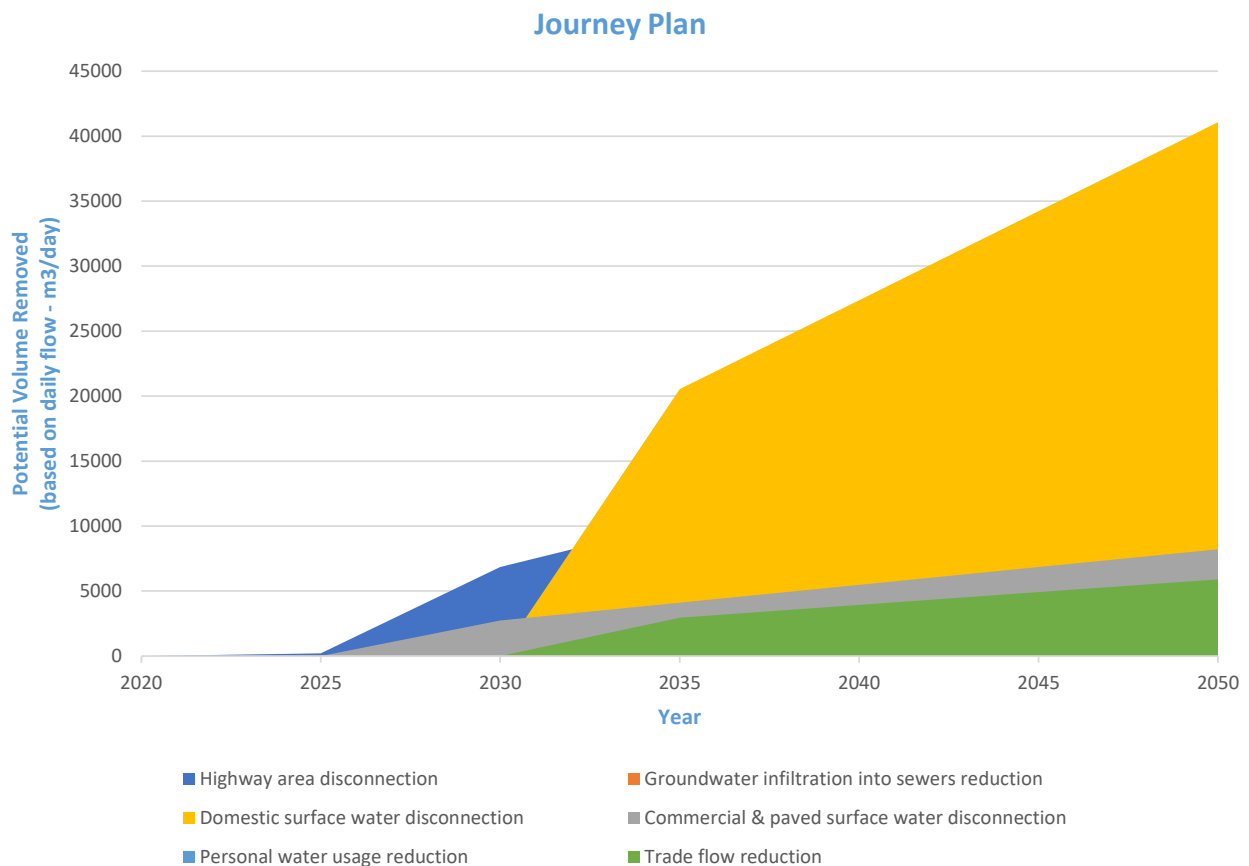


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Mitigating the risk posed by flooding has been assessed in terms of probability of occurrence, we use the size of a storm event that has the probability of occurring once every 30 years. Table 5 illustrates the cost of potential mitigation measures to mitigate varying flood risk types.

The choice of scenarios for storm overflow mitigation in Table 4 is a separate cost and would be required in addition to the choice of scenarios for flooding protection in Table 5. The chosen scenarios for Storm overflows and flooding are to be added together.

Choice of Scenario	Current Scenario (£)	2030 Scenario (£)	2050 Scenario (£)
Maintain Existing Performance*	-	£12,000,000.00	£19,000,000.00
40 spills in a Typical Year	£5,000,000.00	£5,000,000.00	£5,000,000.00
20 spills in a Typical Year	£13,000,000.00	£14,000,000.00	£16,000,000.00
10 spills in a Typical Year	£19,000,000.00	£19,000,000.00	£21,000,000.00
0 spills in a Typical Year	£30,000,000.00	£37,000,000.00	£44,000,000.00
Equivalent No. Olympic Swimming Pools in 10 spills scenario	55.00	69.00	77.00

* Maintain is a considered scenario where we will continue to maintain the current level of service within the region and improve the network and address known and emerging risk.

Table 4 - Summary of Combined Sewer Overflow option investments

Choice of Scenario	Current Scenario (£)	2050 Scenario (£)	2050 Resilience Scenario (£) 1 in 50 yr (Storm Dennis)
Internal escapes	£0	£0	£0
External escapes in gardens	£0	£0	£0
Escapes in highways	£17,000,000	£21,000,000	£23,000,000
No future flooding	-	£16,000,000	£13,000,000
Total	£17,000,000.00	£37,000,000	£36,000,000

Table 5 - Summary of Flooding option investments

We have developed solutions which aim to provide protection against drainage and network failure, pollution events and flooding, internal and external to properties. The solutions developed highlight the level of investment required to bring our entire network up to the level of protection required to be resilient for future risk and demands. The range of scenarios is to provide a choice for understanding and discussion of future direction.

We are beginning to break down the investment indicated in Table 4 and 5 by creating practical schemes ready for delivery these schemes are designed as 100% traditional, 100% sustainable or green and 100% mixture of the 2. These packages have then been analysed in terms of their long term benefit and environmental and social cost to society and one has been chosen for inclusion as our preferred best value option. The areas where we have started our delivery programme aims to provide protection, to our worst served customers and rivers designated as Special Areas of Conservation (SAC) under the

For more information on the methodology developed to carry out the assessments see the DWMP plan main report.

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CRAIG DINAS	0
TAN LAN (NR LLANRWST)	0
CAPEL GARMON MOUNTAIN VIEW	0
NEBO (NR BETWS-Y-COED CONWY)	0
CAPEL GARMON	0
EGLWYSBACH	0
ROWEN	0
TY'N-Y-GROES	0
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BETWS-Y-COED	0

DWMP Tactical Planning Catchment Summary



Llugwy - Conwy to Nant gwryd

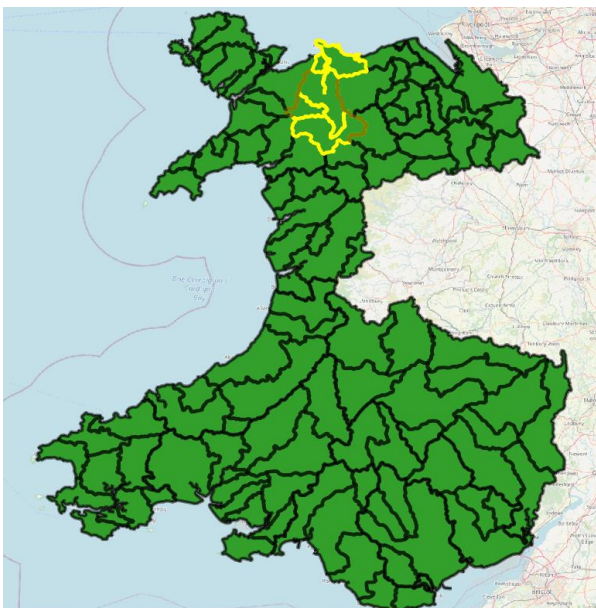
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The Llugwy - Conwy to Nant gwryd catchment sits in the north of the Snowdonia National Park. The River Llugwy flows down to join the River Conwy at Betws Y Coed. Capel Curig and Pont Cyfng are the largest urban areas.



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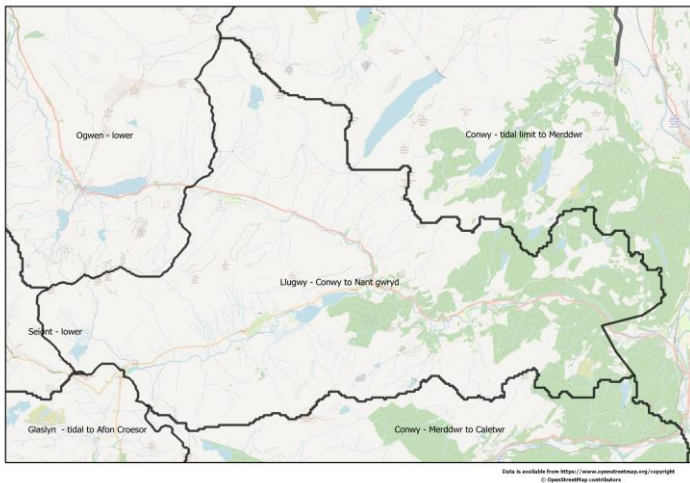


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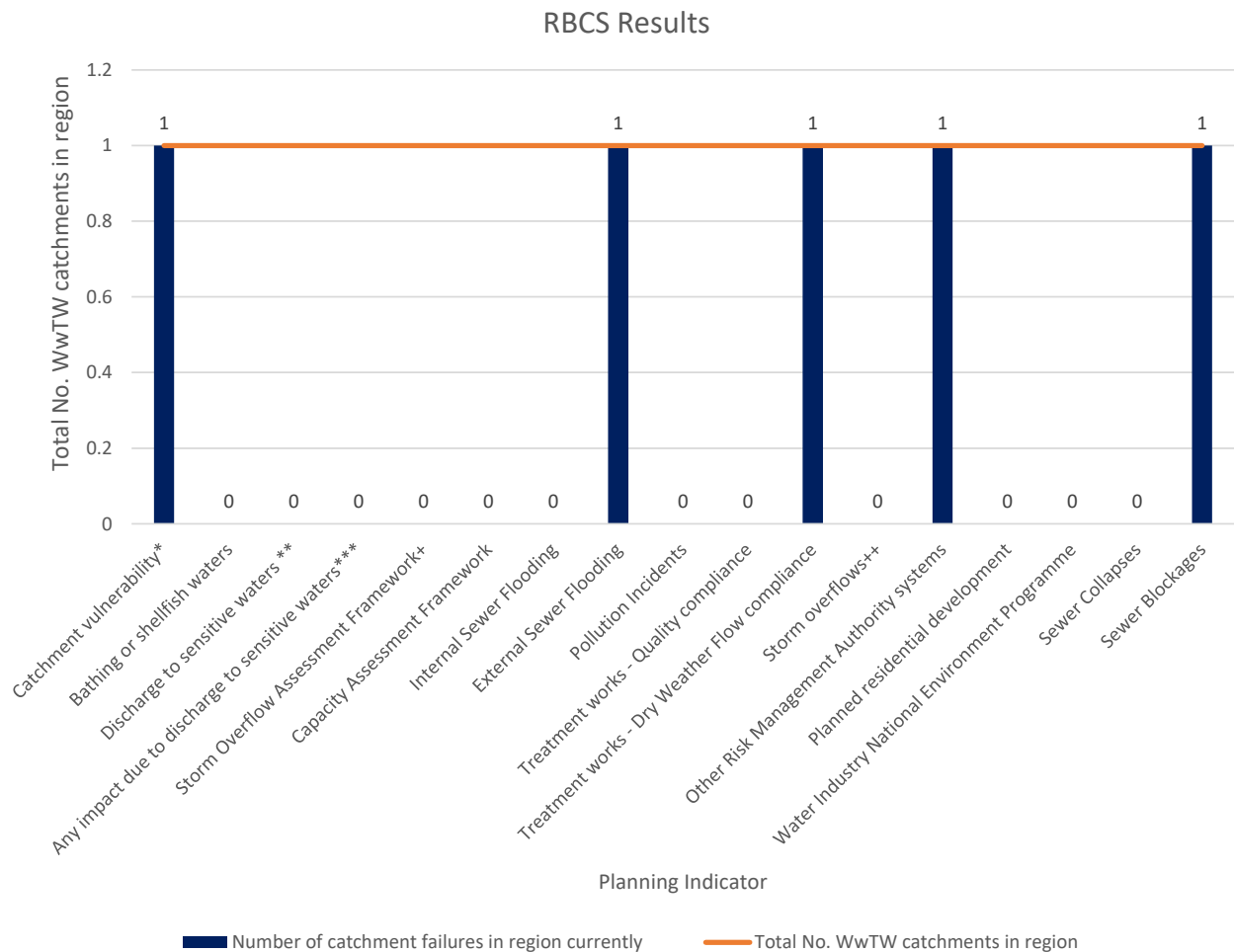
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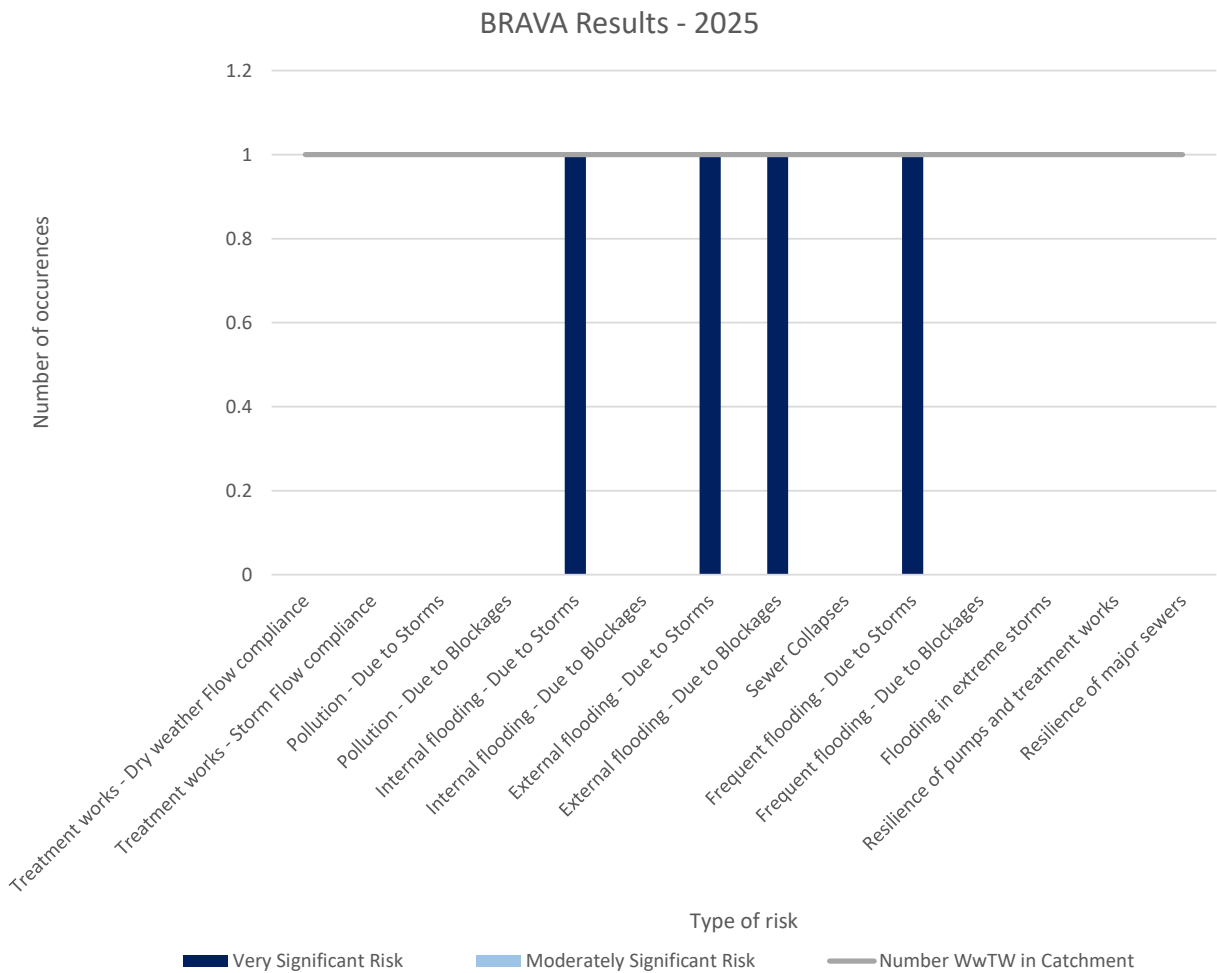


Figure 4 - BRAVA 2025 Summary

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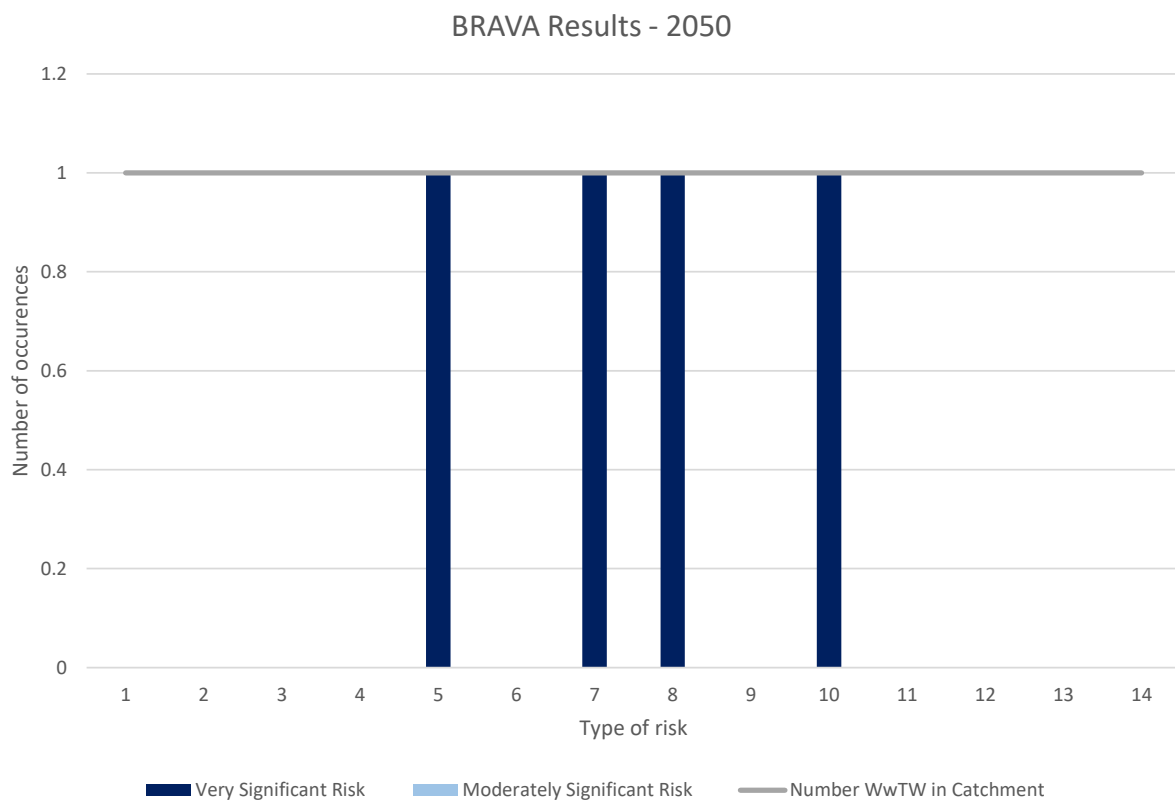


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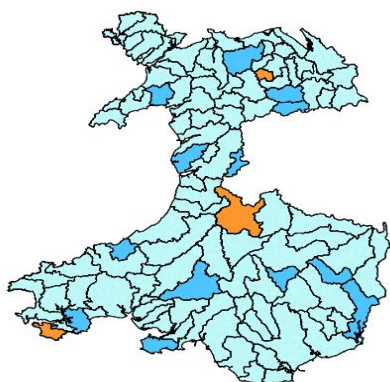
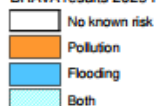


Figure 6 - Associated Strategic Planning Areas priority (2025)

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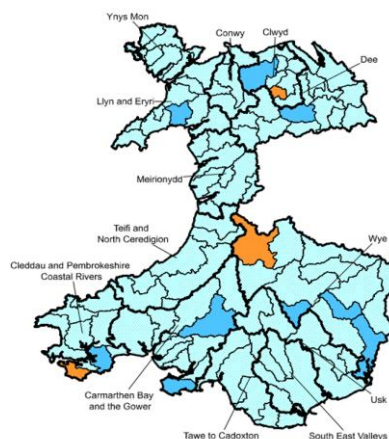
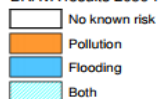


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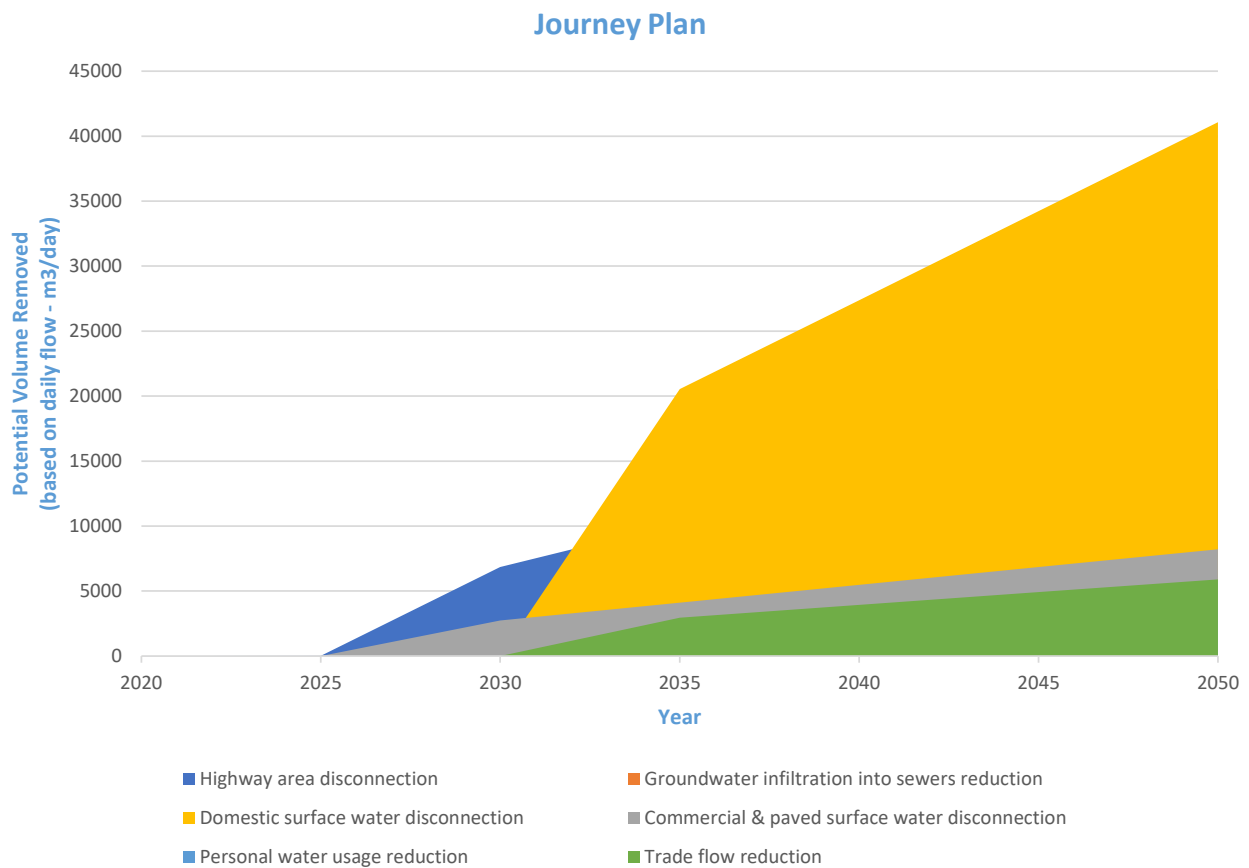


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External escapes in gardens	£0	£0	£0
Escapes in highways	£1,000,000	£1,000,000	£1,000,000
No future flooding	-	£2,000,000	£0
Total	£1,000,000.00	£3,000,000	£1,000,000

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DWMP Tactical Planning Catchment Summary



Nant y Groes

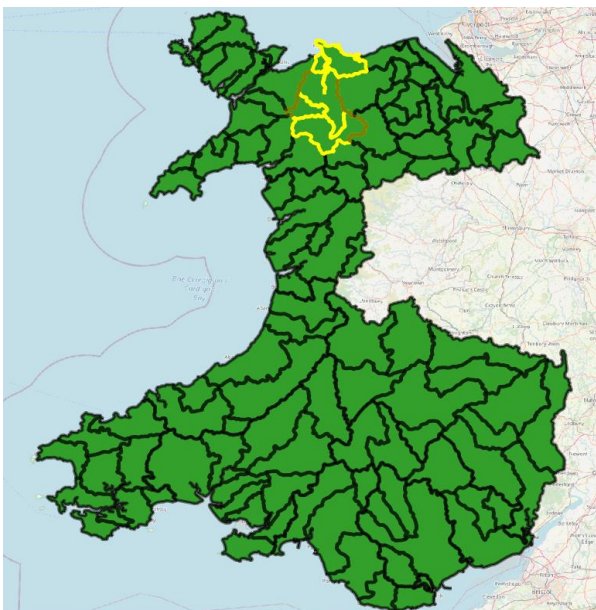
1.0 Introduction

This Drainage and Wastewater Management Plan (DWMP) sets out how Dŵr Cymru Welsh Water (DCWW) will manage and improve its assets to maintain a resilient and robust wastewater drainage system. The plan aims to manage flooding and pollution from our wastewater assets in the future, for our customers and our environment by working collaboratively with stakeholders, regulators and local authorities to provide a complete partnership in tackling current and future problems.

1.1 Catchment Information

The Nant y Groes planning catchment lies within the Conwy river basin catchment, (see Figure 1 below), it consists of 8 wastewater catchments (see Figure 2 below). There is a combined population of 80933, this is set to decrease to 71440 by 2050, a change of -12%. There is a total sewer length of 545km, with a foul sewer length of 181km, a surface water length of 188km and a combined sewer length of 159km. There are 8 Wastewater Treatment Works (WwTW), 79 Sewerage Pumping Stations (SPSs), and 42 Combined Storm Overflows (CSOs) across this tactical planning unit.

The Nant y Groes catchment lies to the north of Wales, reaching the Irish sea to the North. The River Dulas joins the sea at Llandudlas. Colwyn Bay and Llandudno are its major urban areas.



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Figure 1 - River basin location detailing the associated tactical planning catchments

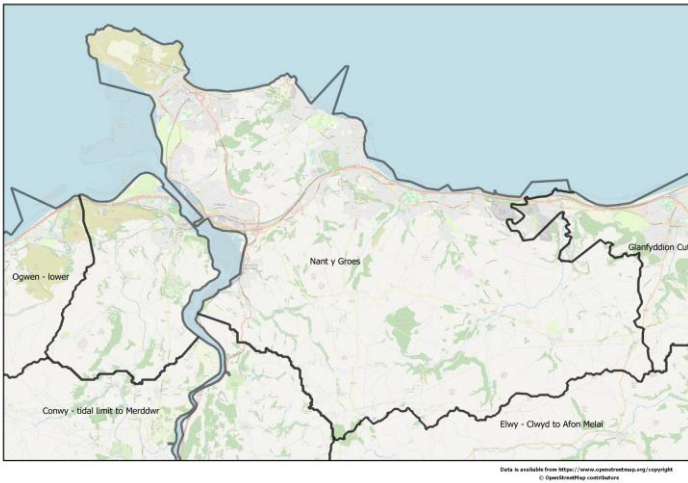


Figure 2- Tactical planning catchments

2.0 Stakeholder Engagement

The DWMP aims to enable DCWW to work collaboratively with stakeholders, regulators and local authorities to tackle current and future challenges. DCWW has identified stakeholder objectives that align with the aims of the DWMP and goals of other management plans. Table 1 details the main opportunities we have identified but this is not intended to be exhaustive. Note that these stakeholders have their own planning processes and plans which do not necessarily align with those of DCWW.

Scheme Information
Stakeholder engagement meetings are scheduled to commence in 2022. These meetings will be held between DCWW and the respective parties, such as NRW, EA, Councils and ENGO's. Further information of the outcome and points of focus towards short and long term strategy planning will be provided in the next cycle of the DWMP assessment.

Table 1 - Current and future investigation schemes

3.0 Risk

We have assessed our likely performance from now to 2050 against the objectives that we set in our most recent business plan. The results of this assessment are presented in the following sections.

To understand future performance, we need to estimate how much population will change by, the degree to which climate change will impact Wales and areas of England that border our company, and how further surface water connected to the sewer network might increase the amount and rate at which rainfall drains into our sewers.

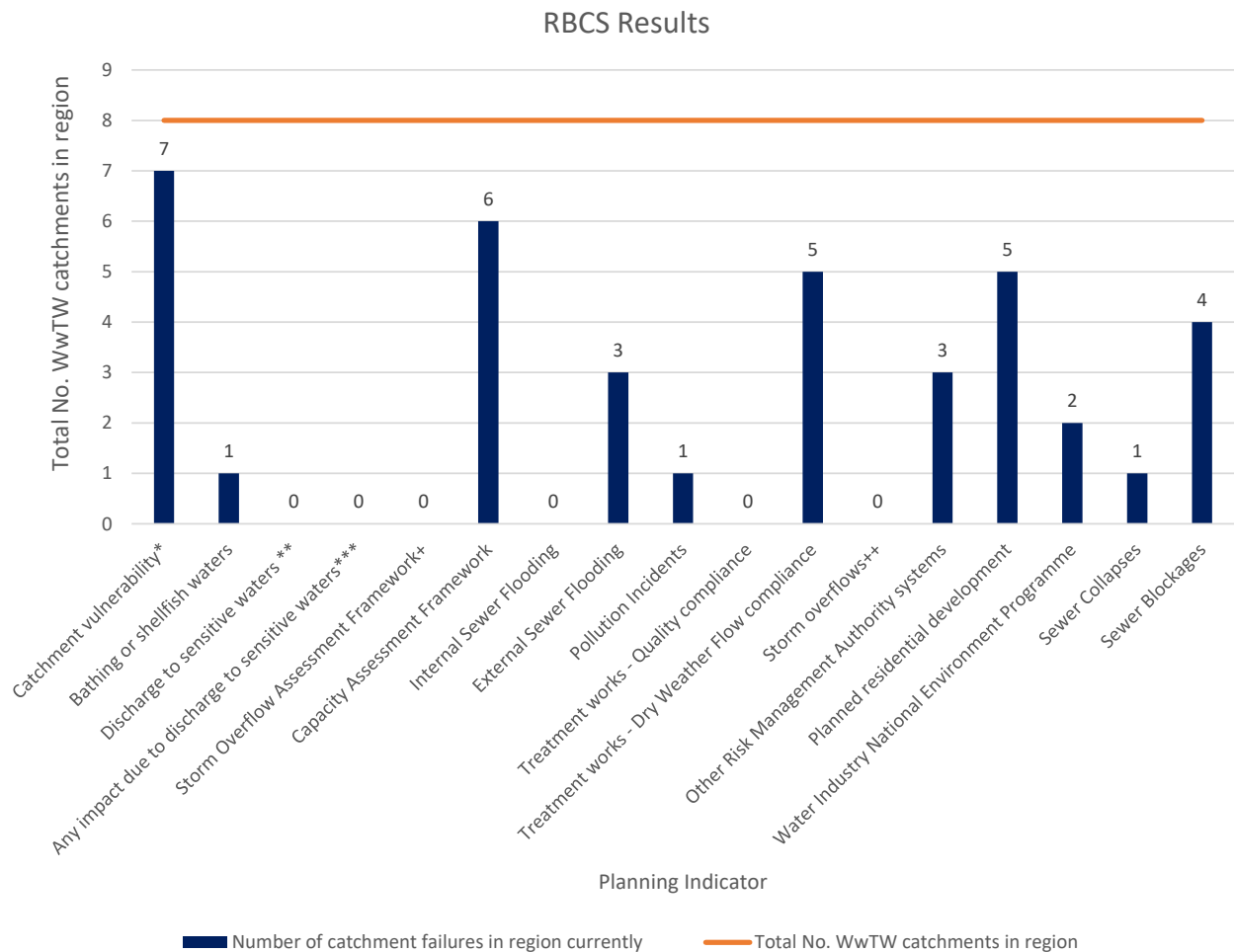
Urban creep is the term used to explain loss of green spaces, for example when new driveways or house extensions are built. It often leads to more rainwater entering sewers. Our forecasts suggest that urban creep will add up to 0.63 metres squared of impermeable ground per house per year.

Climate change is predicted to increase the intensity of storms by around 35% in this region. In a typical year, winters are likely to be warmer and wetter, and summers generally drier. More intense rainfall will happen more frequently. The population in the Conwy region is set to decrease to 71400 by 2050, a change of -12% based on our future projections. However there are major developments in localised areas that will contribute to future pressures on the network, including Old Colwyn Ty Mawr and Glan Conwy - Top Llan Road.

3.1 Risk Based Catchment Screening

The Risk Based Catchment Screening (RBCS) is the initial screening process to determine if a more detailed risk assessment is required. The assessment screens catchments against planning indicators which have been stipulated in the national guidance for DWMPs. A catchment will pass through to a more detailed risk assessment if it fails against one or more of these indicators, the results are shown in Figure 3.

For the Nant y Groes catchment the biggest concerns indicated by the RBCS are - catchment characterisation (based on a vulnerability assessment of flooding due to local characteristics e.g. topography).



*To sewer flooding due to extreme wet weather events.

**Categorised as a "planned" scheduled action within the Natural Resources Wales Action Database or considered as "Remedy" on Natural England Designated Sites system.

***Categorised as a "identified" scheduled action within the Natural Resources Wales Action Database or considered as "Threat" on Natural England Designated Sites system.

+Frequency investigation triggered.

++Overflow risks not covered by other indicators,

Figure 3 - Risk Based Catchment Screening results

3.2 Baseline Risk And Vulnerability Assessment (BRAVA)

Following on from the RBCS, the Baseline Risk and Vulnerability Assessment (BRAVA) highlights current and future risk. The risk scores are driven by company targets which were set in our last business plan. These targets were subdivided according to population or sewer length, depending on the measure, to derive a target for each river basin catchment.

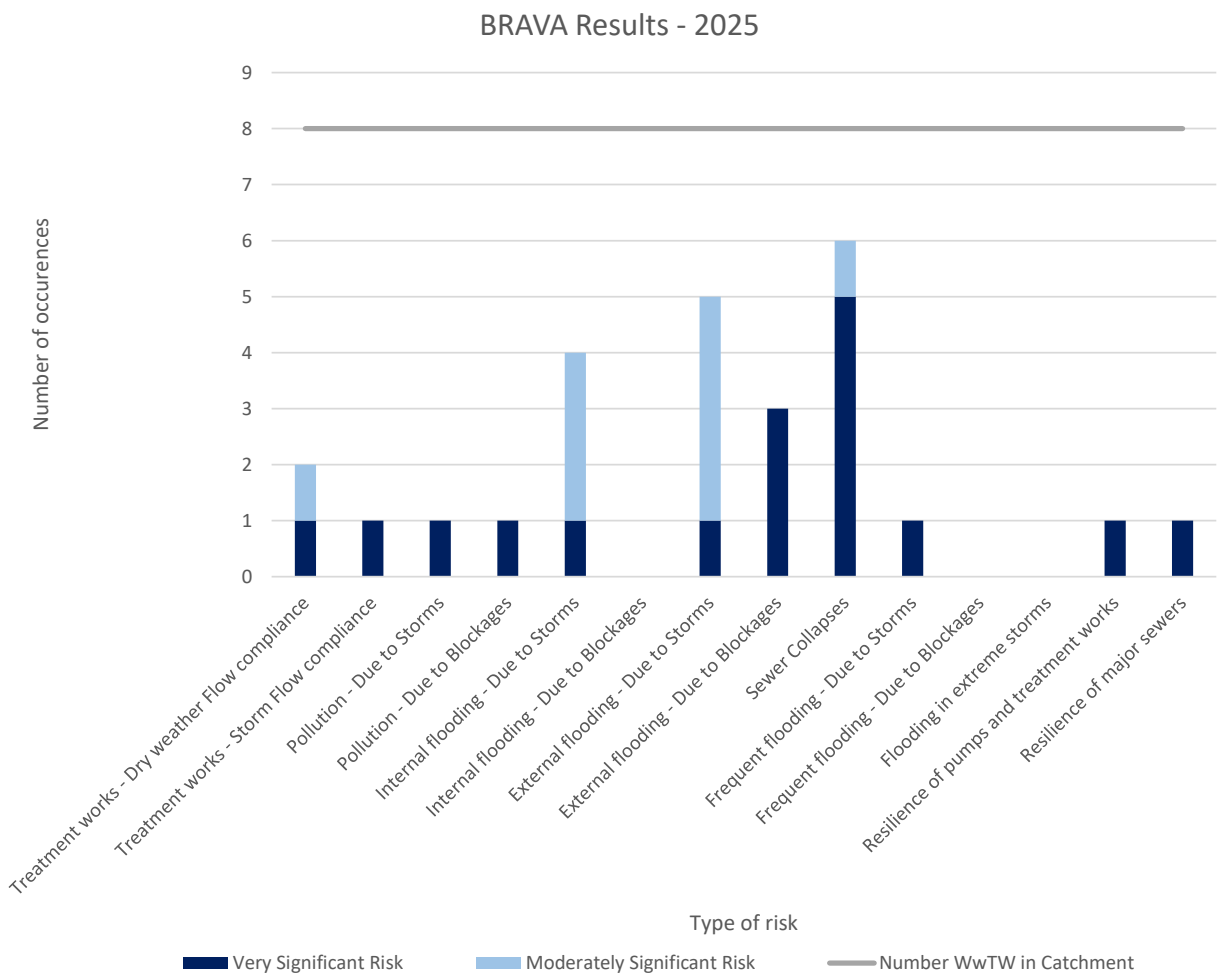


Figure 4 - BRAVA 2025 Summary

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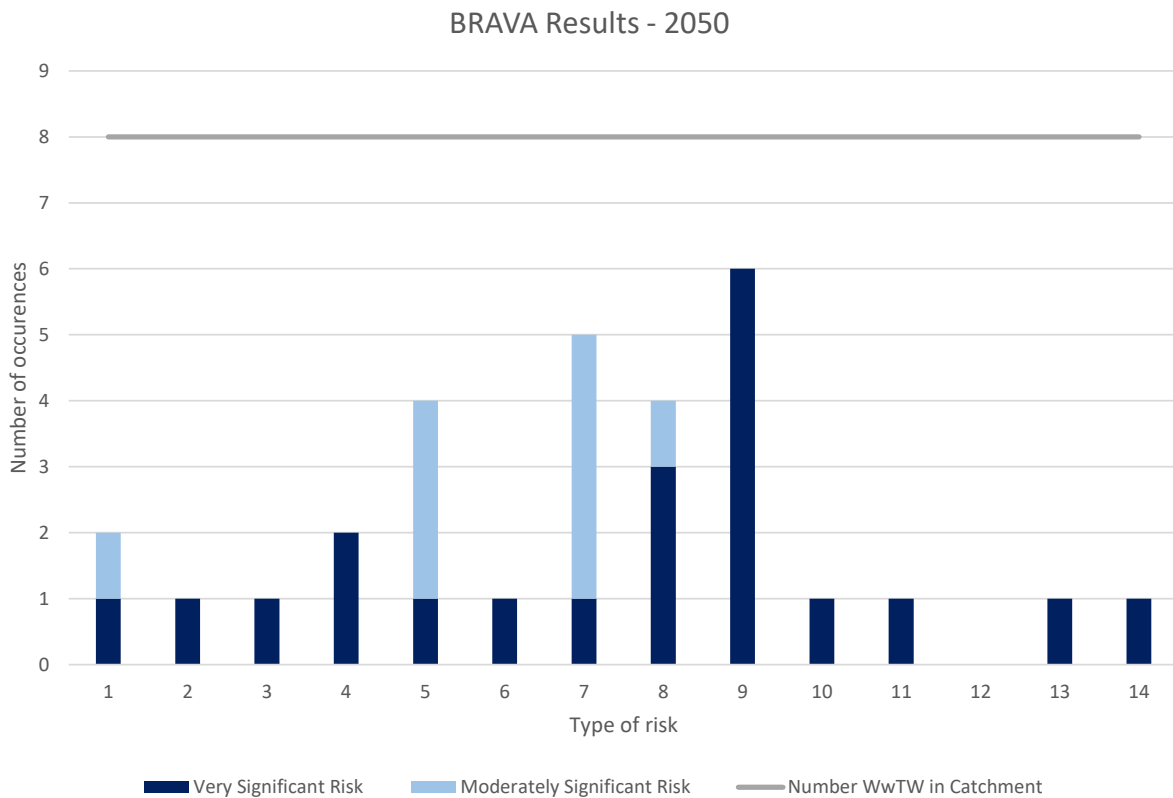


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Figures 6 and 7 indicate the current and predicted risk of flooding, pollution, and both flooding and pollution caused by lack of capacity (termed 'hydraulic overload') across our networks. These maps illustrate where the issues occur and can be used to target where we want to work with the community and stakeholders to resolve issues. By working together, we can combine knowledge and resources to deliver the best outcomes for local communities and the environment. We want to include your feedback in our decision-making process.

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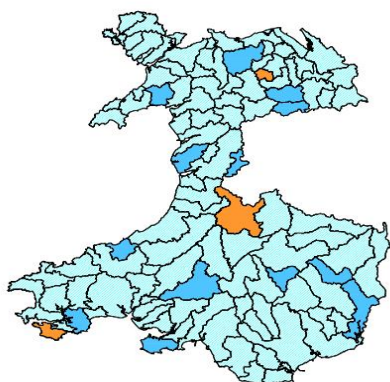
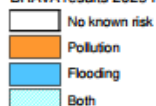


Figure 6 - Associated Strategic Planning Areas priority (2025)

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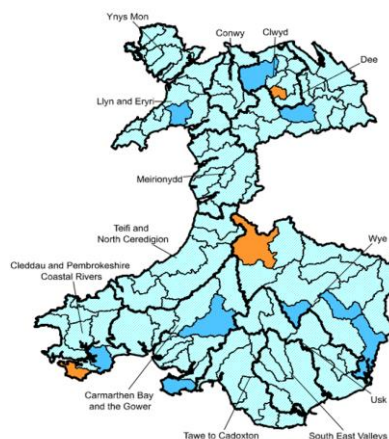
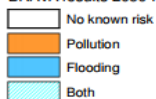


Figure 7 - Associated Strategic Planning Areas

3.3 Water Quality

Water quality is the classification of the quality of watercourses or water bodies in accordance to its physical, biological and chemical properties. Water quality is an important factor of environmental monitoring, ensuring that not only the water body is safe but the surrounding habitat and ecosystem is also.

Water quality status is categorised from 1 to 4, with 4 being the worst case. The priority status is based on the significance towards the risk factors triggering water quality. Nant y Groes has a water quality priority status for 2050 of 1 which indicates targeted investment to mitigate and focus during AMP11.

4.0 Supply Demand

Supply-demand is an assessment of the capacity of our treatment works. It approximately assesses whether all the treatment works in a region can collectively cope with current and future flows in dry and wet weather. There are two parts to the assessment: dry weather flow (DWF) and a wet weather capacity assessment.

For the DWF part of the assessment, the suitability of the dry weather consents is tested against forecast future growth and changes in water consumption. Results for three scenarios are provided: the 0% headroom scenario assesses the region’s capability for treating the predicted changes in DWF in the future with no allowance for error, with no spare treatment works capacity. The other scenarios indicate resilience - i.e. could we cope if we had flows 10% or 20% higher than estimated?

The wet weather assessment takes storm consent values where available as an indication of treatment works capacity and estimates the amount of incoming flow the treatment works is able to treat across a year. Again, three scenarios are shown, with differing treatment “targets” - i.e. if we wanted to ensure that 70% of the wet weather flows in a catchment were treated, could the treatment works cope? Changes in rainfall due to climate change and changing dry weather flows within the region mean that the percentage of flow treated across a year can change in the future.

Table 2 shows the supply-demand assessment for this region. Where a region may not have adequate capacity under a given scenario, it is flagged dark blue for further investigation. There may be local incapacity issues at individual works within the region.

L3 Area	Headroom	2025	2030	2035	2040	2045	2050
Nant y Groes	0%						
	10%						
	20%						
	Treatment Target	2025	2030	2035	2040	2045	2050
	70%						
	80%						
	90%						

Table 2 - Supply Demand Balance

5.0 Options

Over time the pressures on our sewerage network change due to influences such as catchment growth, creep of rainwater into the network, or influences such as climate change impacting rainfall patterns. To ensure the plan is robust over the 30-year planning horizon and to account for the uniqueness of each catchment we have tested various types of schemes, and combination of schemes, to ensure a robust 'best value' plan is delivered.

The types of schemes tested are detailed in Table 3 and can be categorised into either improving network resilience to rainfall or improving network headroom in dry weather flow conditions.

Improving Resilience		
10% Reduction in area draining to the combined sewers	Represents removal of runoff from large commercial buildings.	Short term
25% Reduction reduction in area draining to the combined sewers	Represents removal of area runoff from non-residential paved areas where there is only one stakeholder (e.g. Local Authority or Highways Agency).	Medium term
50% Reduction reduction in area draining to the combined sewers	Represents removal of runoff from any connected area including residential properties. There are likely to be multiple stakeholders to engage with.	Long term
Improving Headroom		
Reducing infiltration	Reducing infiltration into sewers by 50%, which could be achieved by relining or replacing the public sewers .	Medium term
Reducing water use	Represents a reduction in water use per person to around 100l per person per day by 2050 by application of water efficiency measures	Medium term
Reducing trade flow	Reduce trade flows by around 25% by application of water efficiency measures.	Long term

Table 3 - Risk mitigation details

We have undertaken an analysis of all our wastewater catchments to determine the benefit in terms of potential volume of water removed from our systems for each scheme type to determine a journey plan, (see Figure 8 below), which provides the direction of the best scheme types to undertake in this catchment for the most benefit against predicted future risk from growth, creep and climate change.

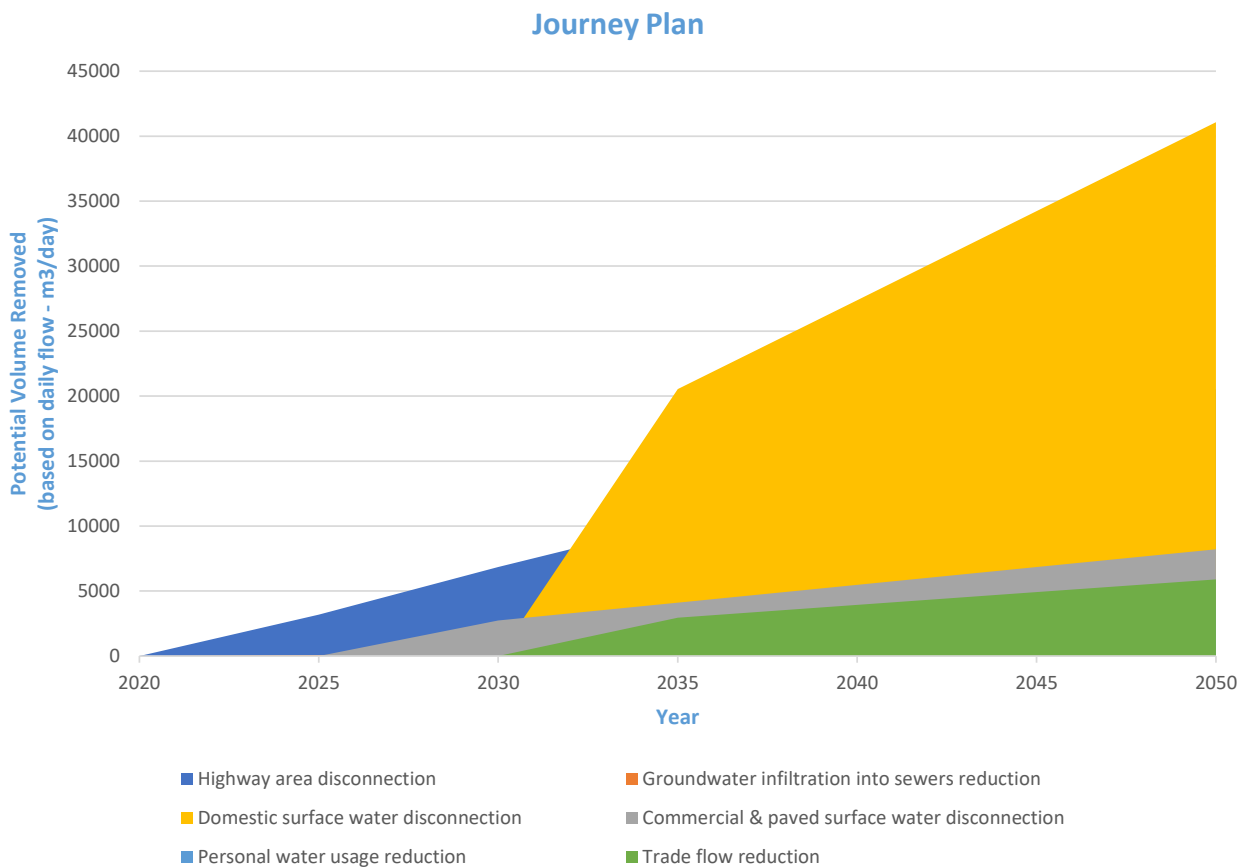


Figure 8 - Journey Plan

Approaches to managing risk

We have undertaken analysis to determine the likely costs to mitigate future predicted pollution and flooding. We assess combined sewer overflows based on the number of times they are predicted to spill in a 'typical year'. Table 4 illustrates the cost of potential measures to mitigate risk to varying standards. The assessment calculates the impact of rainfall and drainage contributions to the network relative to today's costs.

Mitigating the risk posed by flooding has been assessed in terms of probability of occurrence, we use the size of a storm event that has the probability of occurring once every 30 years. Table 5 illustrates the cost of potential mitigation measures to mitigate varying flood risk types.

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40 spills in a Typical Year	£3,000,000.00	£7,000,000.00	£7,000,000.00
20 spills in a Typical Year	£7,000,000.00	£10,000,000.00	£10,000,000.00
10 spills in a Typical Year	£13,000,000.00	£21,000,000.00	£26,000,000.00
0 spills in a Typical Year	£92,000,000.00	£113,000,000.00	£128,000,000.00
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Choice of Scenario	Current Scenario (£)	2050 Scenario (£)	2050 Resilience Scenario (£) 1 in 50 yr (Storm Dennis)
Internal escapes	£16,000,000	£23,000,000	£18,000,000
External escapes in gardens	£67,000,000	£83,000,000	£71,000,000
Escapes in highways	£68,000,000	£84,000,000	£82,000,000
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HENRYD STW	0
DOLWYD	0
GANOL STW	13