River Basin Catchment Summary

Usk

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

Usk (see Figure 1 below) consists of 58 wastewater catchments with a total population of 455501.835439021. There is a total sewer length of 1250km, where 449km is associated to the foul system, 337km is associated to the surface water system and 451km is associated to the combined system. There are 58 Wastewater Treatment Works (WwTW), 216 Sewerage Pumping Stations (SPSs), and 126 Combined Storm Overflows (CSOs) across this river basin catchment level.

The main river in Usk is the River Usk, which flows from Brecon, passing Abergavenney and Usk before discharging to the Usk estuary at Newbridge, following on to the Severn estuary at Newport. The Usk catchment has high ecological status due to the significant diversity in special wildlife. It is also a high quality of river status due to the fish species habitat.

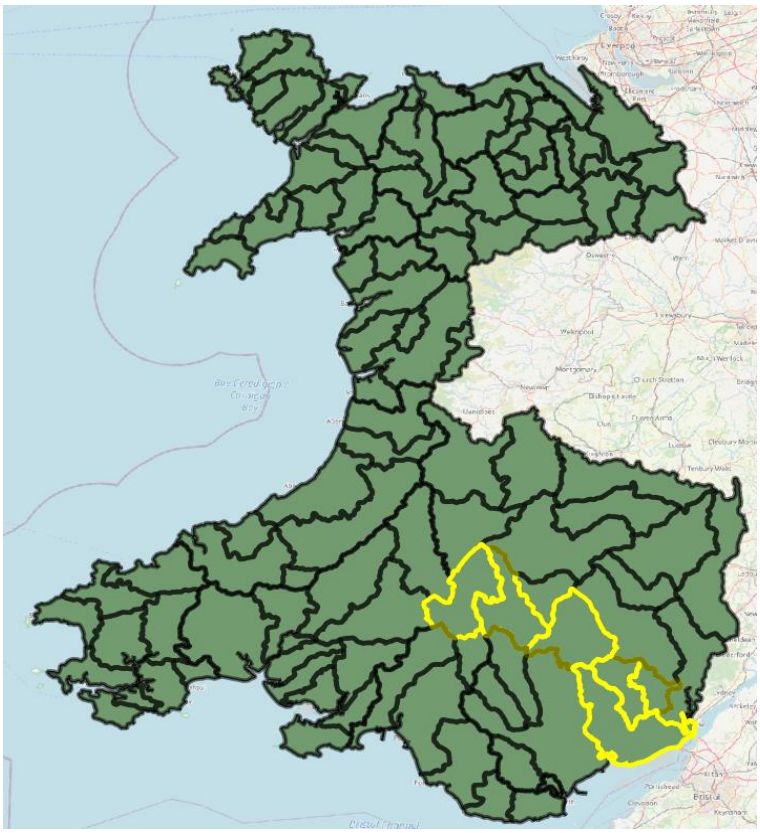


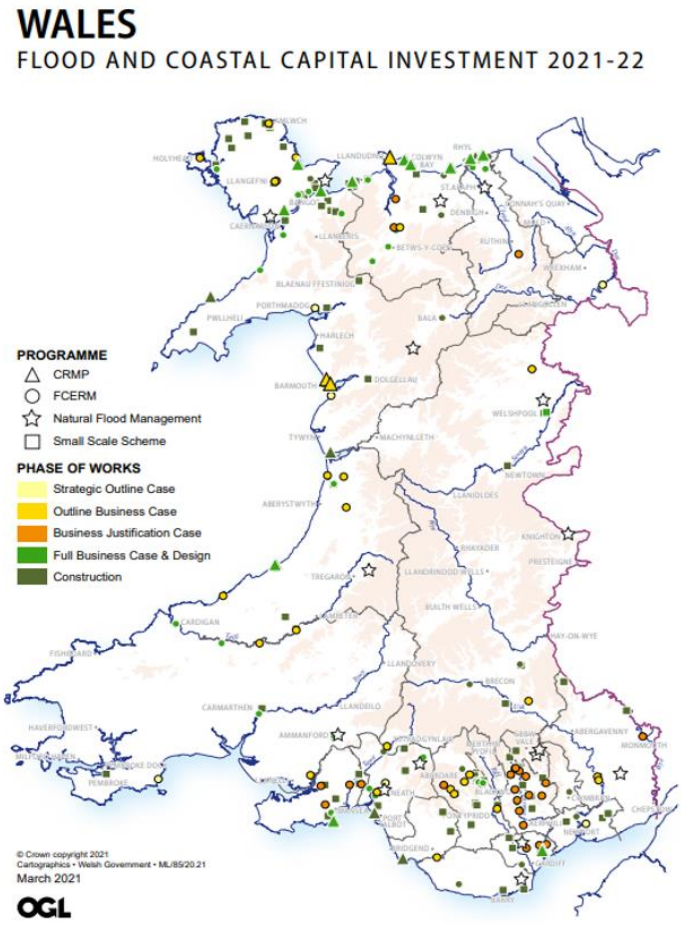
Figure 1 - River basin location detailing the associated tactial planning catchments

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) Usk Management Catchment Strategy: (https://naturalresources.wales/media/3214/usk-management-catchment.pdf)	Natural Resources Wales Environment Agency Local partnerships
Flood Risk Management Plans (FRMP)	FRMPs are managed by NRW, the Western Wales river basin district, and the Environment Agency (EA) and NRW, for the Dee and Severn river basin districts. The local flood risk management strategy consists of the following general objectives: 1. Providing an effective and sustained response to flood and coastal erosion events. 2. Establishing effective routine maintenance regime. The FRMP for Monmouthshire County Council: https://www.monmouthshire.gov.uk/app/uploads/2016/04/Flood-Risk-Management-Plan.pdf	Welsh Government Water companies Coastal Groups (local authority led) Natural Resources Wales Environment Agency Lead local flood authorities
Shoreline Management Plans (SMP)	Shoreline Management Plans (SMP) SMP 19 covers the following councils under the Severn Estuary group: Carmarthenshire (Vale of Glamorgan, Bridgend County, Neath and Port Talbot, Swansea, Pembroke). The general objective is to prioritise other flood risk management measures so that advice is made available and provided to utility companies in order to protect critical infrastructure, development control advices and enable flood warning investment. Further information can be found here :https://severnestuarycoastalgroup.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/sites/4/2016/03/SE-SMP2-planning-leaflet_Monmouthshire-draft_v1.pdf in relation to Severn Estuary and Monmouthshire and here : https://www.newport.gov.uk/documents/Planning-Documents/LDP-2011-2026/River-Usk-Strategy---Low-Res.pdf in relation to the 2011 to 206 River Usk Strategy.	Coastal Groups (local authority led) County councils Lead local flood authorities
River Basin Management Plan (RBMP)	The river basin management plans (RBMP) layout how a combination of organisations and parties work together and set out to improve the catchments water quality and environment. The RBMPs can be found here: https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/river-basin-management-plans-2015 https://cdn.cyfoethnaturiol.cymru/media/679394/2016_updated_usk_catchment_summary_nrw.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 are a total of 6 strategically outlined FCERM schemes planned in the region from 2021 to 2022. This is illustrated 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 incorportated 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)	Within this cycle other stakeholder groups have not yet been engaged.	None yet engaged.



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.

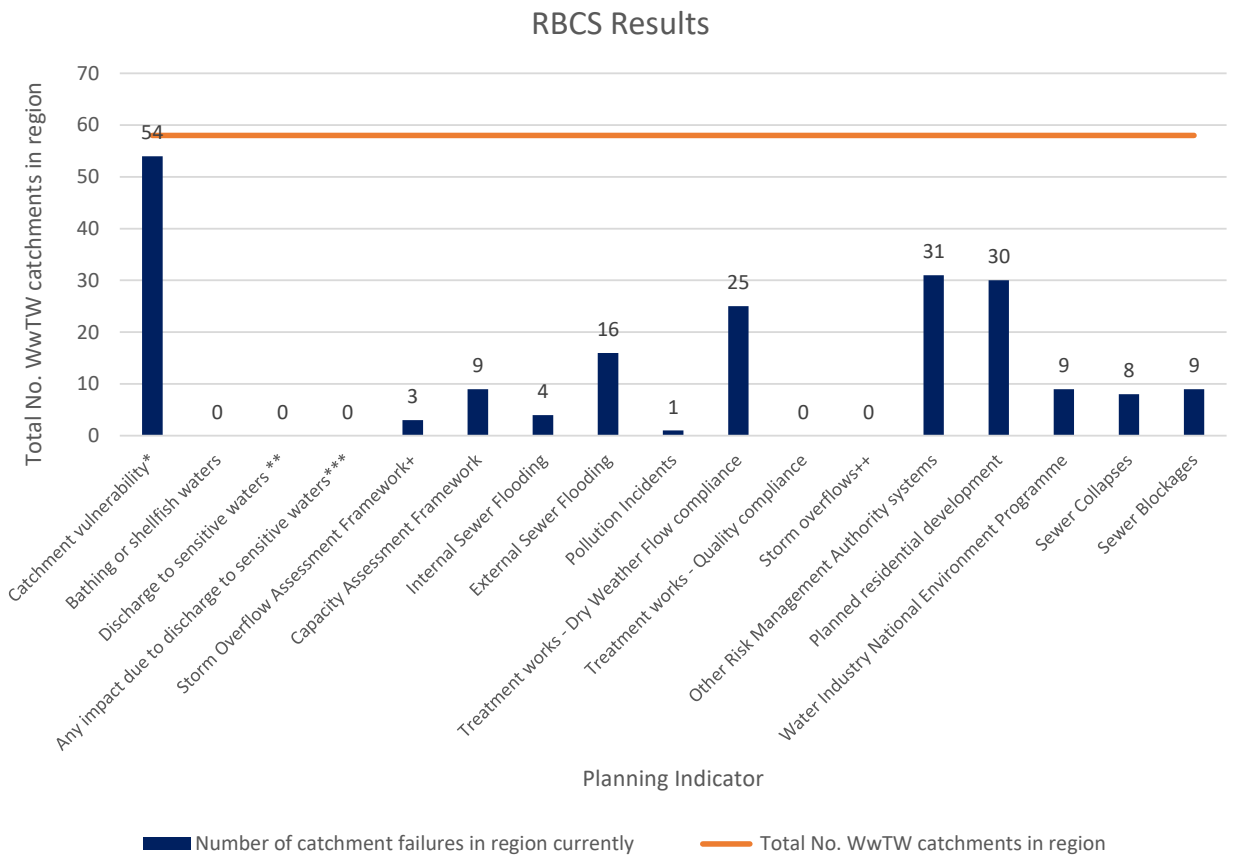
The population in the Usk region is set to decrease to 410500 by 2050, a change of -10% based on our future projections. However there are major developments in localised areas that will contribute to future pressures on the network, including development at Glan Llyn and South Sebastopol SAA, Cwmbran.

Climate change is predicted to increase the intensity of storms by around 15% 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 Usk catchment the biggest concerns indicated by the RBCS are catchment vulnerability (based on a vulnerability assessment of flooding due to local characteristics, such as topography), planned residential development and Other Risk Management Authority Systems.



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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.

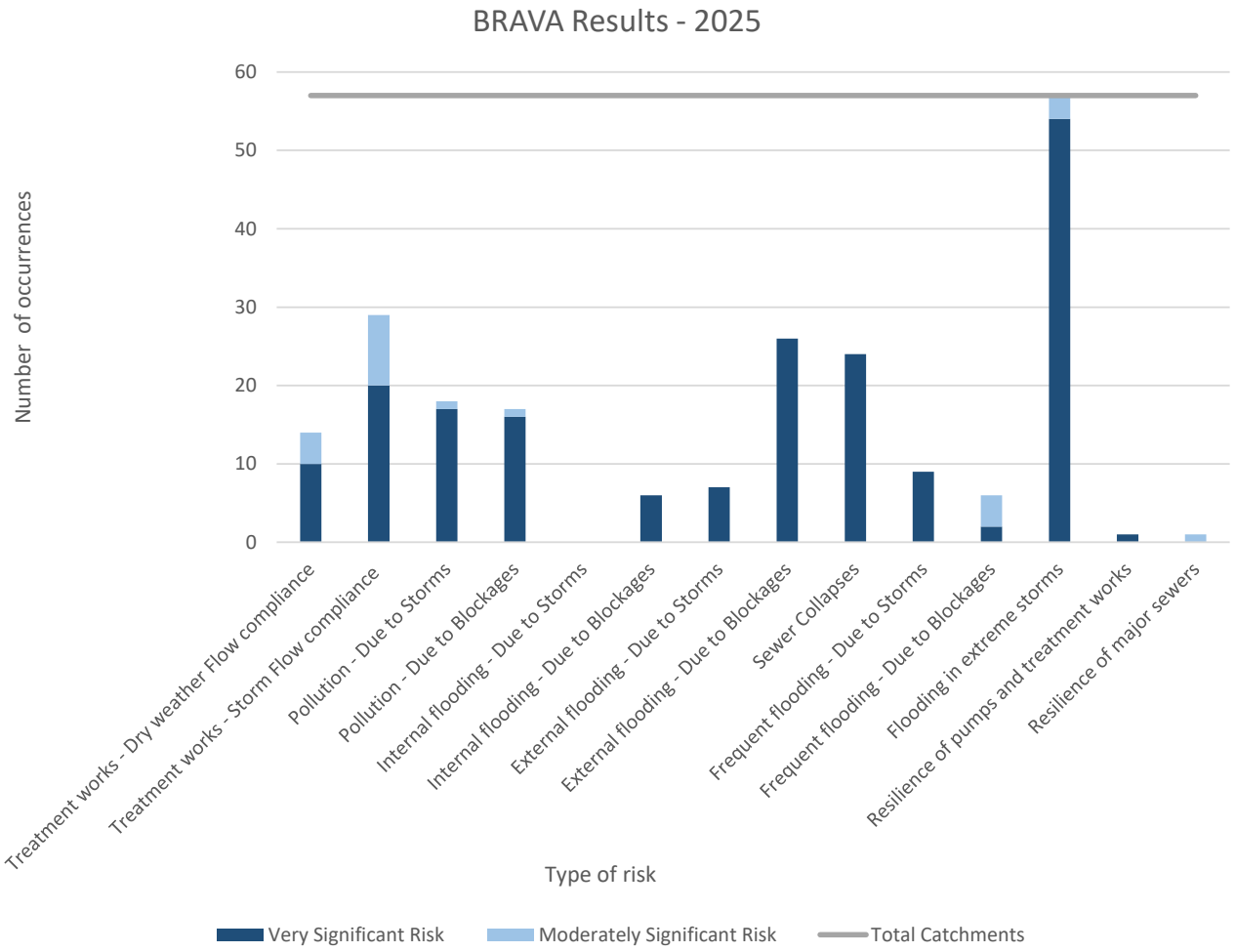

Figure 4 - BRAVA 2025 Summary

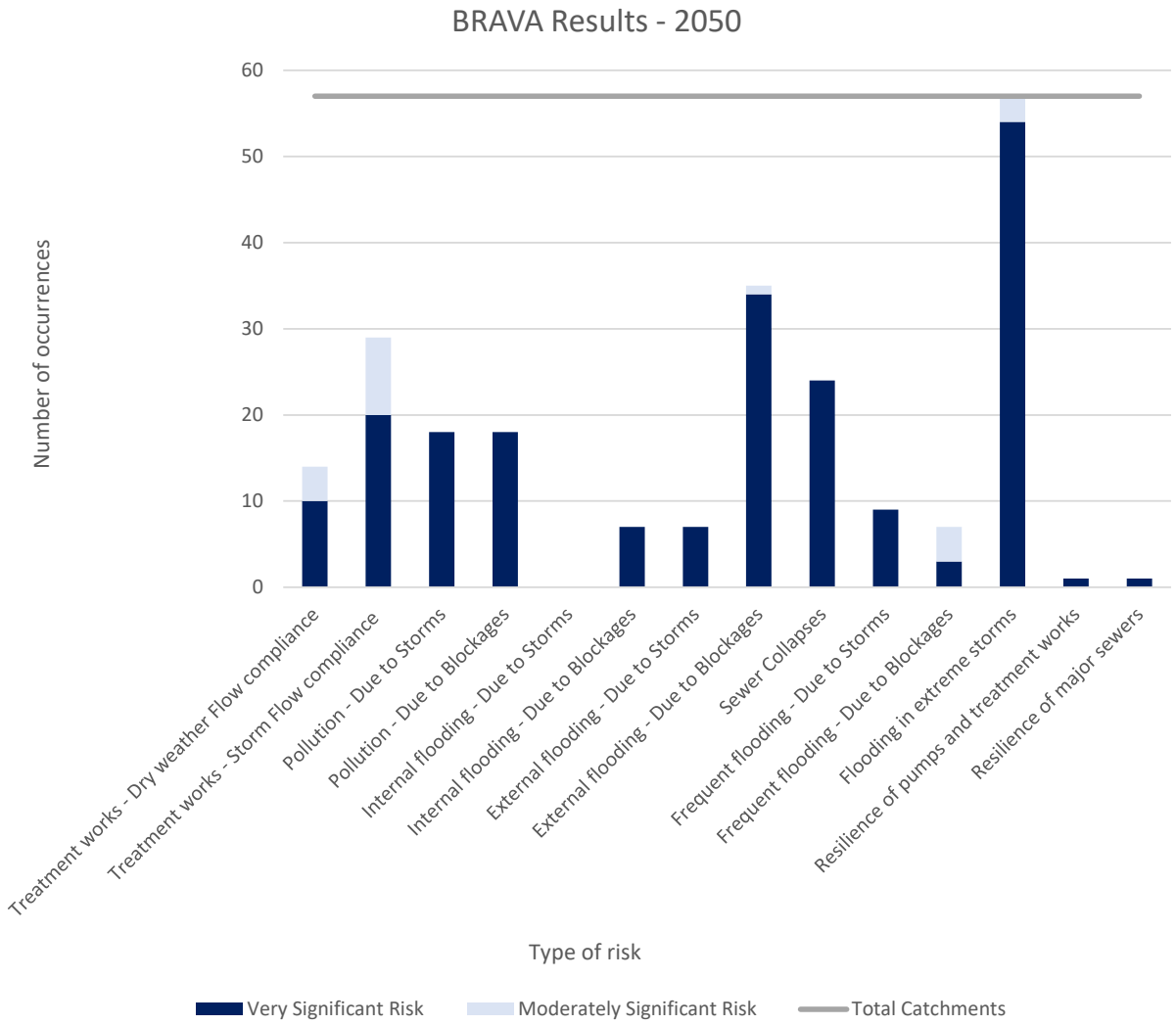

Figure 5 - BRAVA 2050 Summary

In both 2025 and 2050, risk of flooding in extreme storms is the biggest concern in the Usk 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.

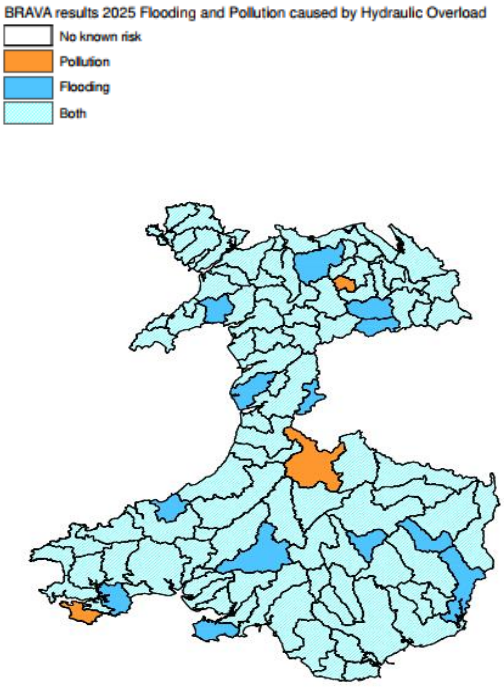

Figure 6 - Associated Strategic Planning Areas priority (2025)

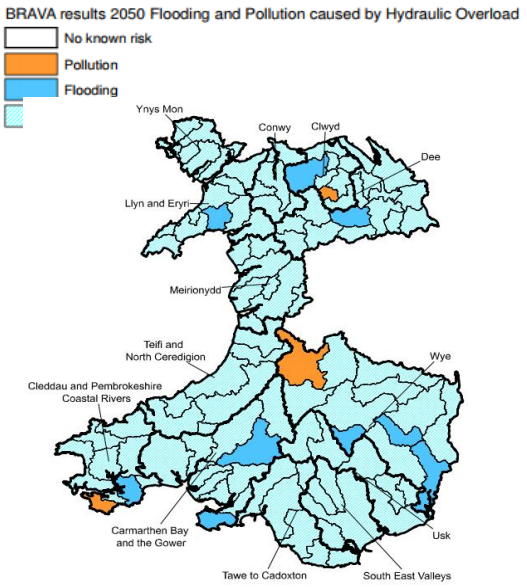

Figure 7 - Associated Strategic Planning Area priority (2050)

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
Usk						

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.

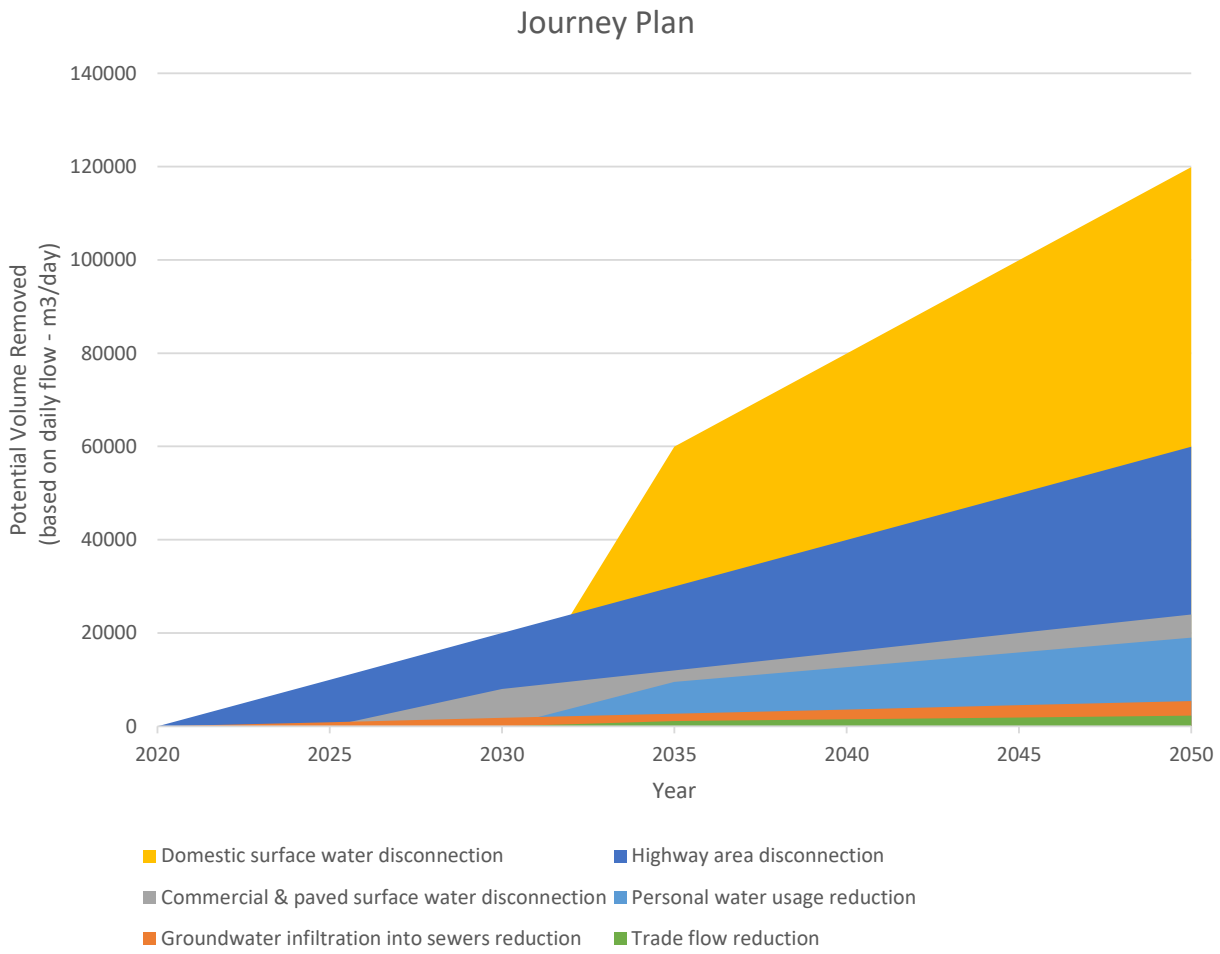

Figure 8 - Journey Plan

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 probabilty of occuring 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*	-	£73,000,000	£124,700,000
40 spills in a Typical Year	£126,000,000	£120,000,000	£123,000,000
20 spills in a Typical Year	£224,000,000	£237,000,000	£283,000,000
10 spills in a Typical Year	£374,000,000	£398,000,000	£447,000,000
0 spills in a Typical Year	£1,463,000,000	£1,513,000,000	£1,503,000,000
Equivalent No. Principality Stadiums Full of Water in 10 spills scenario	3.27	3.55	4.46

* 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	£102,000,000	£117,000,000	£185,000,000
External escapes in gardens	£34,000,000	£41,000,000	£62,000,000
Escapes in highways	£97,000,000	£120,000,000	£186,000,000
No future flooding	-	£270,000,000	£734,000,000
Total	£233,000,000	£548,000,000	£1,167,000,000

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 Tactial Planning Catchment Summary

Afon Lwyd - conf Dowlais Bk to Pont Sadwrn

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 Afon Lwyd - conf Dowlais Bk to Pont Sadwrn planning catchment lies within the Usk river basin catchment, (see Figure 1 below), it consists of 8 wastewater catchments (see Figure 2 below). There is a combined population of 402232, this is set to decrease to 362020 by 2050, a change of -10%. There is a total sewer length of 2002km, with a foul sewer length of 755km, a surface water length of 529km and a combined sewer length of 704km. There are 8 Wastewater Treatment Works (WwTW), 167 Sewerage Pumping Stations (SPSs), and 67 Combined Storm Overflows (CSOs) across this tactical planning unit.

The Afon Lwyd - conf Dowlais Bk to Pont Sadwrn catchment covers an area stretching from Forge Side and Blaveanon in the north as far as Magor in the south. The geography of the catchment is predominantly flat as it covers a section of the urbanised area of usk.

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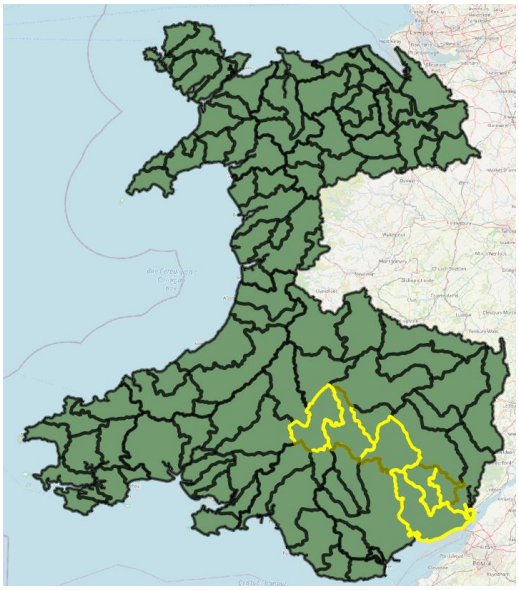

Figure 1 - River basin location detailing the associated tactial planning catchments

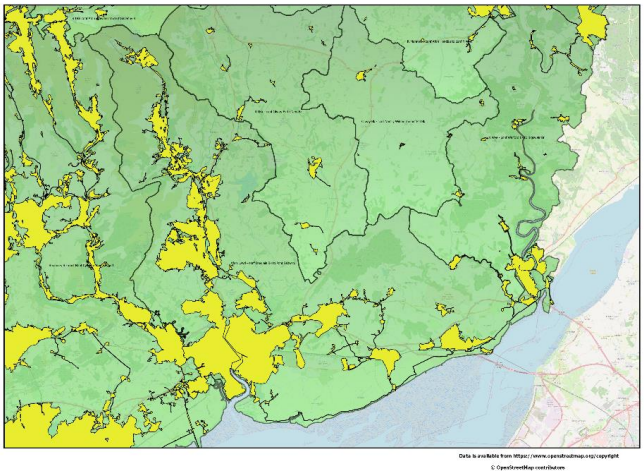

Figure 2- Tactical planning catchments

2.0 Stakeholder Engagement

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Scheme Information
Stakeholder engagement meetings area 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 15% 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 Usk region is set to decrease to 362000 by 2050, a change of -10% based on our future projections. However there are major developments in localised areas that will contribute to future pressures on the network, including Glan Llyn and South Sebastopol SAA, Cwmbran.

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 this strategic planning area the biggest concerns indicated by the RBCS are Catchment Vulnerability followed by Capacity Assessment Framework.

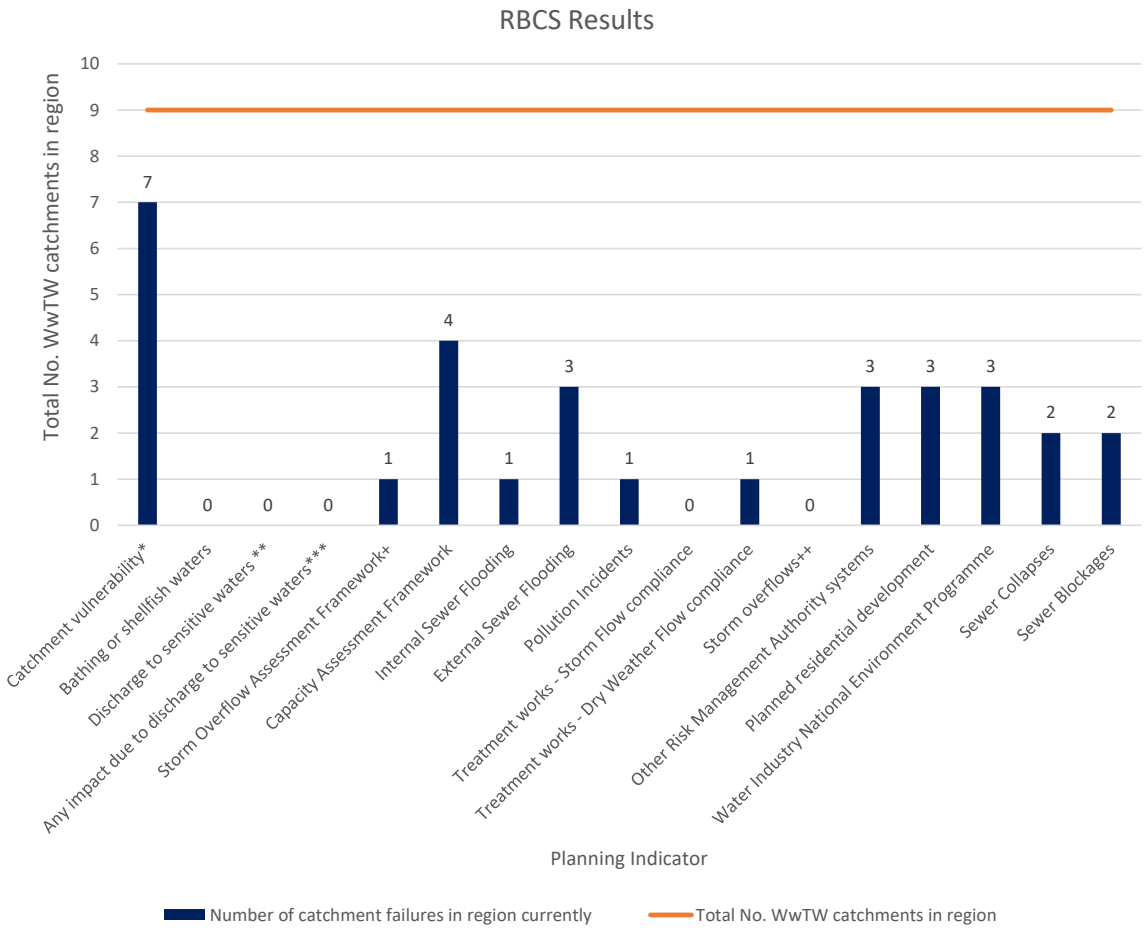

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Figure 3 - Risk Based Catchment Screening results

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.

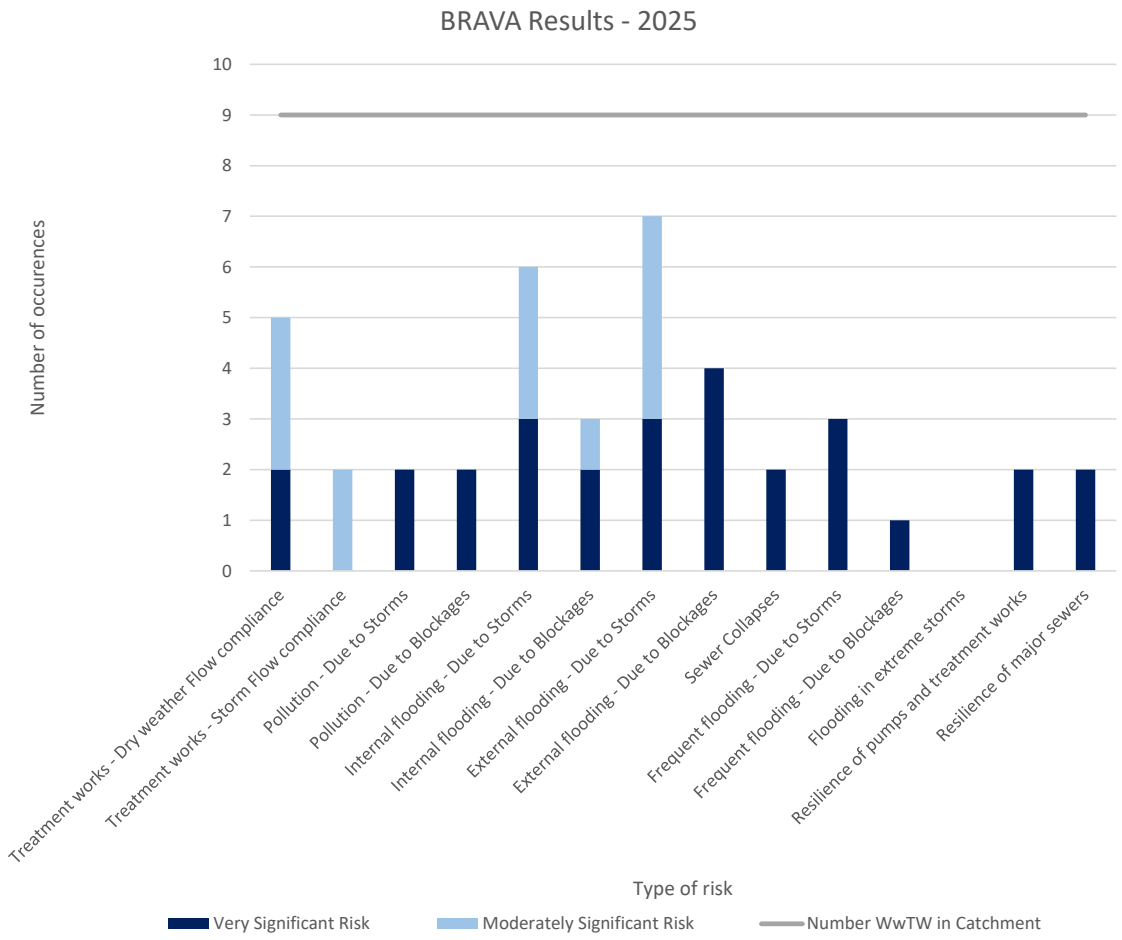

Figure 4 - BRAVA 2025 Summary

In 2025, External flooding due to blockages followed by External flooding due to storms are the biggest concerns in this strategic planning area.

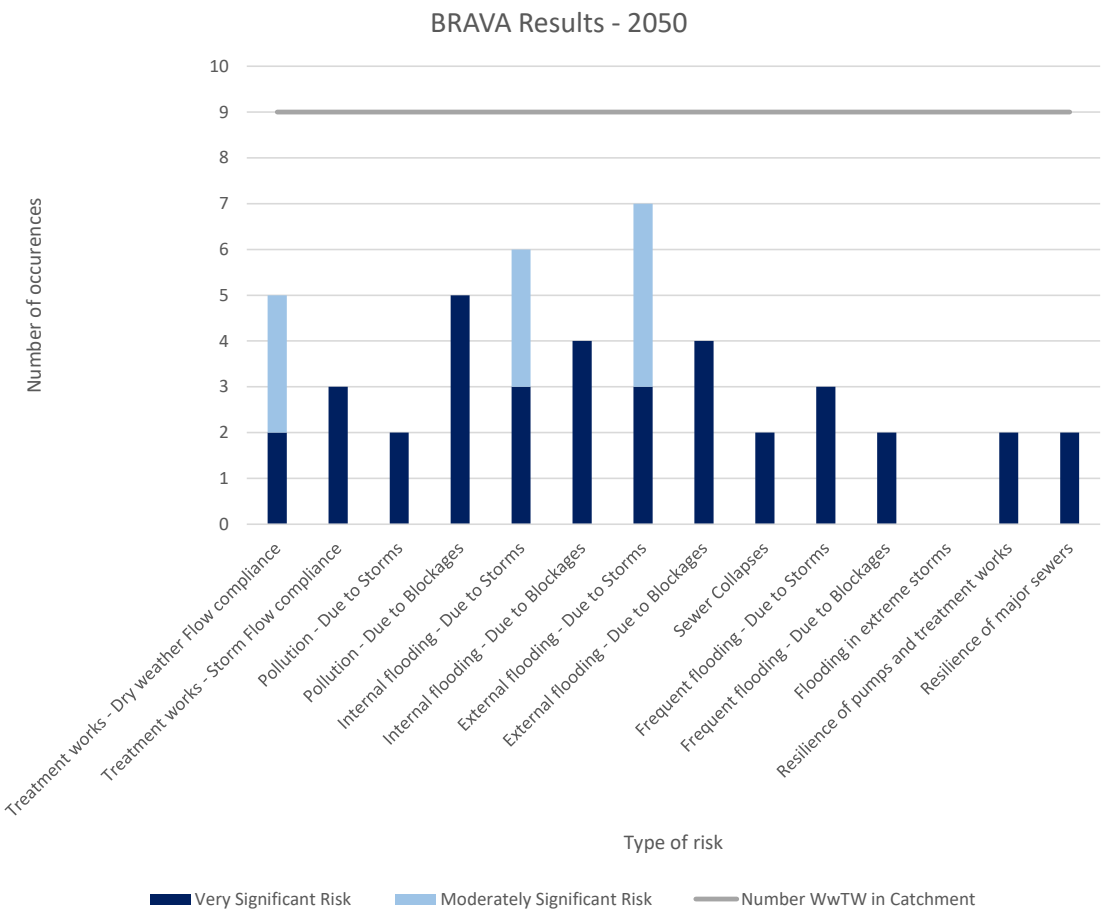

Figure 5 - BRAVA 2050 Summary

In 2050, Pollution - Due to Blockages is the biggest concern followed by External flooding - Due to Blockages in this strategic planning area.

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.

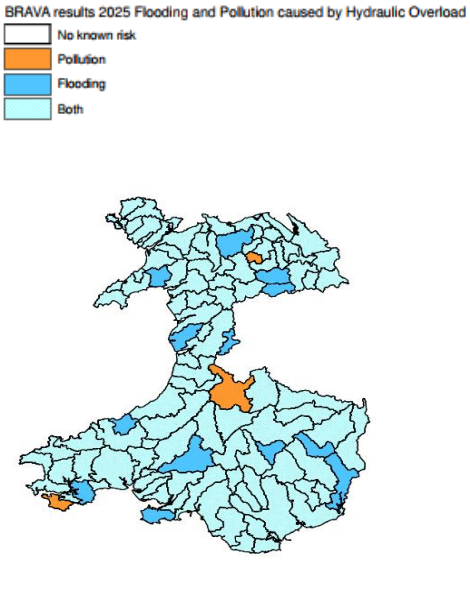

Figure 6 - Associated Strategic Planning Areas priority (2025)

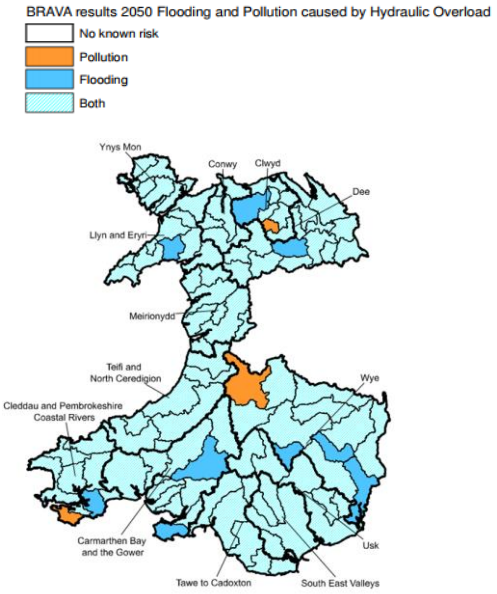

Figure 7 - Associated Strategic Planning Areas priority (2050)

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. Afon Lwyd - conf Dowlais Bk to Pont Sadwrn 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
Afon Lwyd - conf Dowlais Bk to Pont Sadwrn	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.

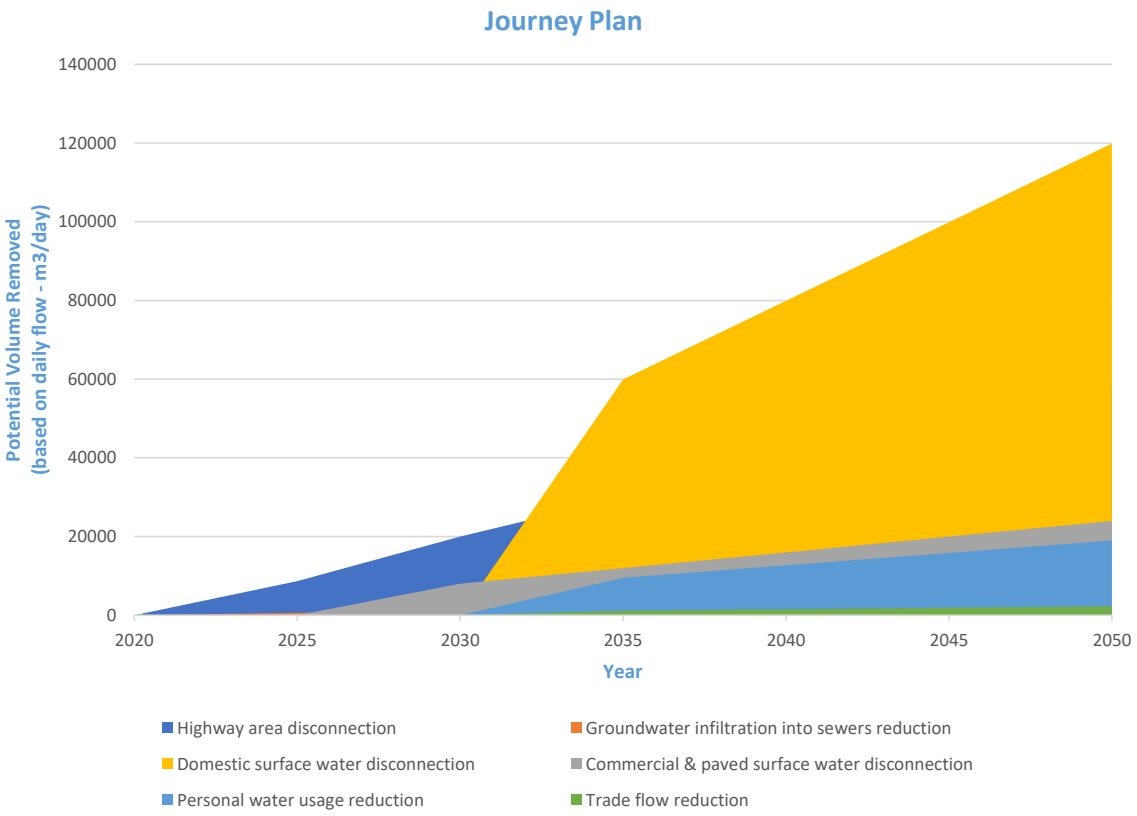

Figure 8 - Journey Plan

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 nd flooding are to be added together.

Choice of Scenario	Current Scenario (£)	2030 Scenario (£)	2050 Scenario (£)
Maintain Existing Performance*	-	£27,000,000	£60,000,000
40 spills in a Typical Year	£86,000,000	£90,000,000	£99,000,000
20 spills in a Typical Year	£169,000,000	£186,000,000	£228,000,000
10 spills in a Typical Year	£302,000,000	£327,000,000	£371,000,000
0 spills in a Typical Year	£1,229,000,000	£1,267,000,000	£1,251,000,000
Equivalent No. Olympic Swimming Pools in 10 spills scenario	1521.00	1620.00	2108.00

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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	£97,000,000	£110,000,000	£176,000,000
External escapes in gardens	£27,000,000	£33,000,000	£50,000,000
Escapes in highways	£75,000,000	£93,000,000	£142,000,000
No future flooding	-	£237,000,000	£631,000,000
Total	£199,000,000	£473,000,000	£999,000,000

Table 5 - Summary of Flooding option investments

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DWMP Tactial Planning Catchment Summary

Olway Bk - conf Nant y Wilcae to conf Pill Bk

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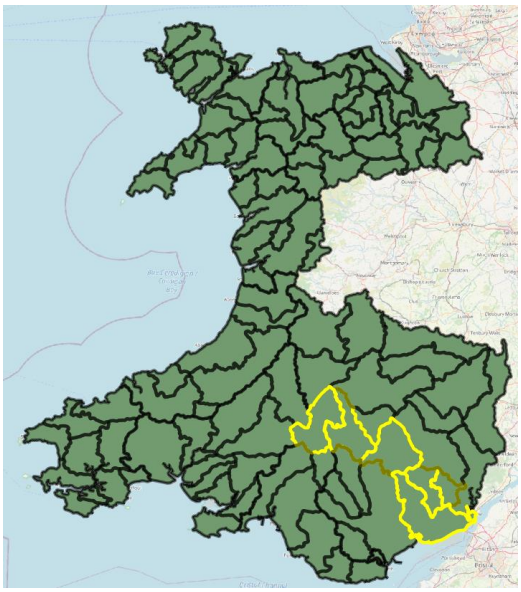
1.1 Catchment Information

The Olway Bk - conf Nant y Wilcae to conf Pill Bk planning catchment lies within the Usk river basin catchment, (see Figure 1 below), it consists of 7 wastewater catchments (see Figure 2 below). There is a combined population of 1701, this is set to increase to 1987 by 2050, a change of 17%. There is a total sewer length of 18km, with a foul sewer length of 13km, a surface water length of 3km and a combined sewer length of 1km. There are 7 Wastewater Treatment Works (WwTW), 5 Sewerage Pumping Stations (SPSs), and 4 Combined Storm Overflows (CSOs) across this tactical planning unit.

The Olway Bk - conf Nant y Wilcae to conf Pill Bk catchment covers an area stretching from Raglan in the north as far as Devauden in the south. The geography of the catchment is predominantly rural.

There are several main rivers within the L3 including the rivers Nant Olwy. The catchment covers several major urban areas including Town Raglan and Devauden.



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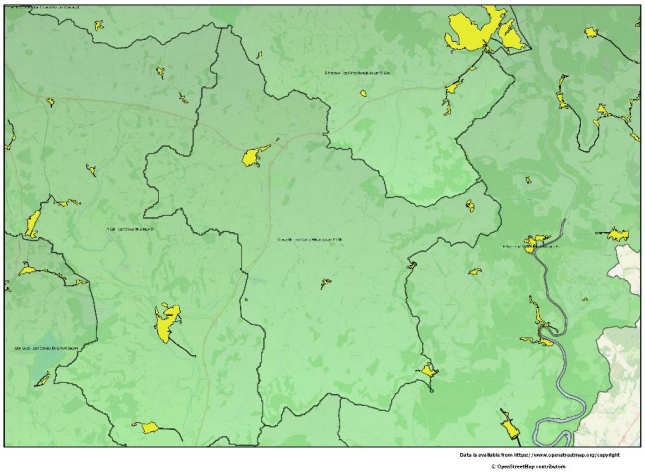

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We have assessed our likely performance from now to 2050 against the objectives that we set in our most recent business plan. The results of this assessment are presented in the following sections.

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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 15% 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 Usk region is set to increase to 2000 by 2050, a change of 17% based on our future projections. However there are major developments in localised areas that will contribute to future pressures on the network, including Land at Chepstow Road, Raglan and Land adjacent Trellech School.

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.

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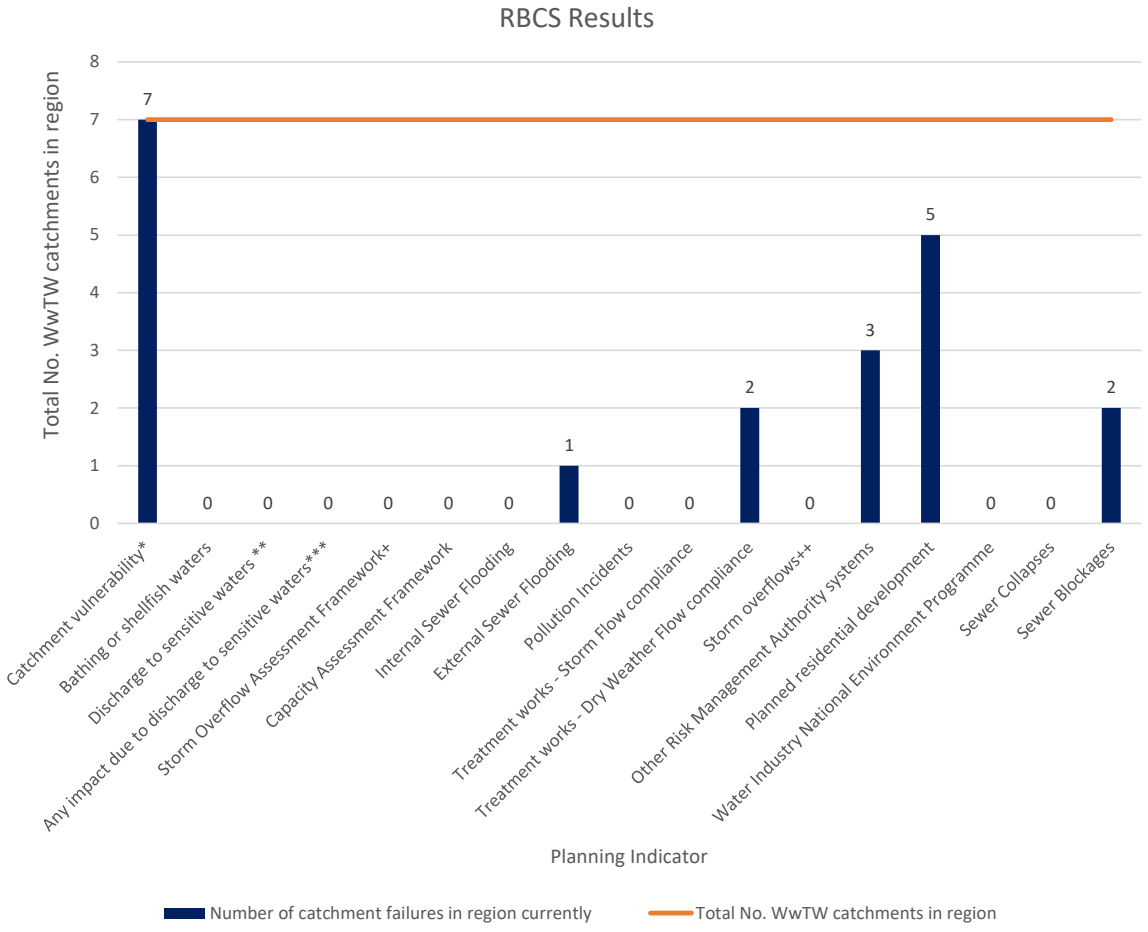

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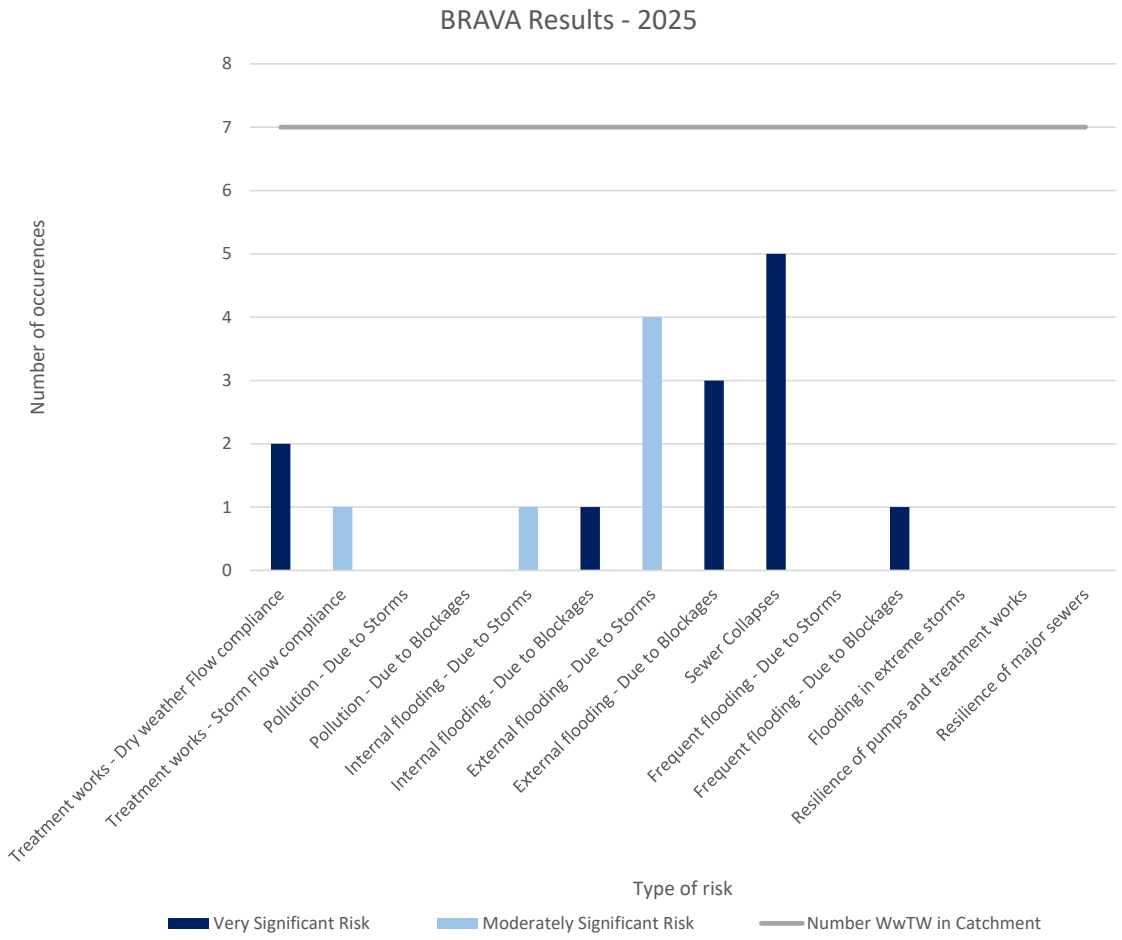

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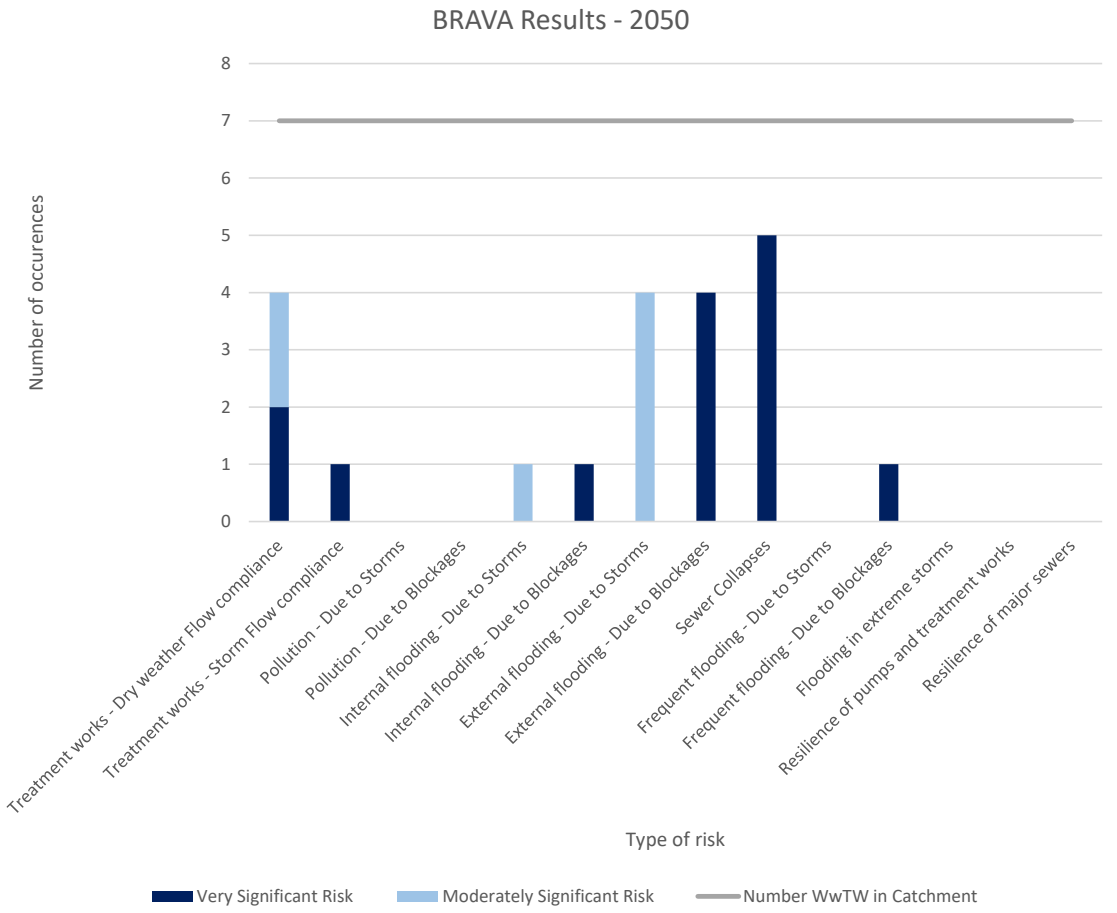

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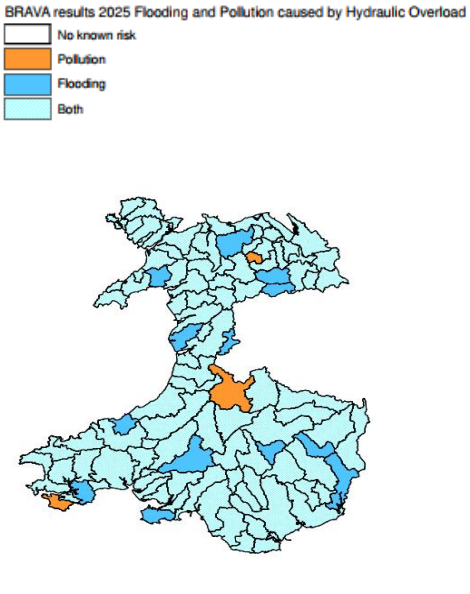
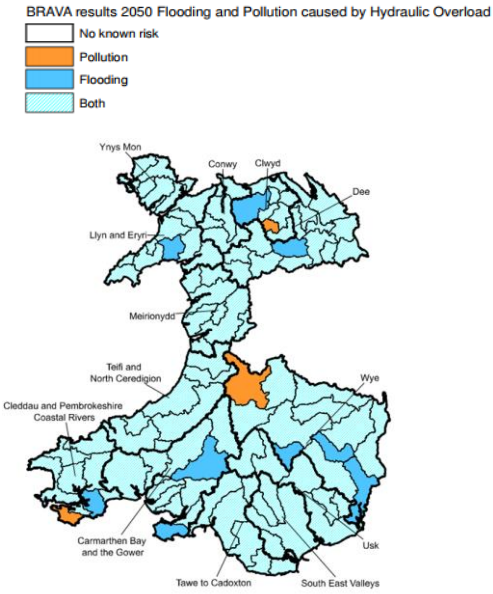


Figure 6 - Associated Strategic Planning Areas priority (2025)



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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
Olway Bk - conf Nant y Wilcae to conf Pill Bk	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.

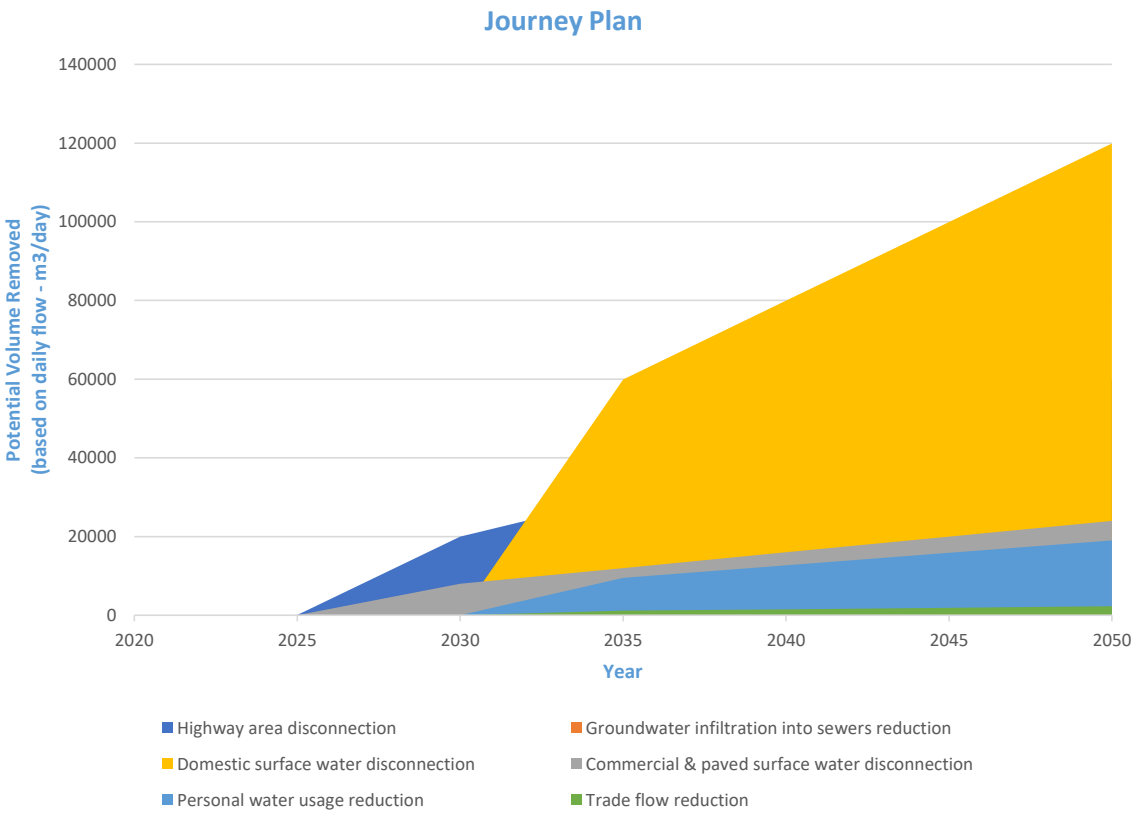

Figure 8 - Journey Plan

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 nd flooding are to be added together.

Choice of Scenario	Current Scenario (£)	2030 Scenario (£)	2050 Scenario (£)
Maintain Existing Performance*	-	£7,000,000	£10,000,000
40 spills in a Typical Year	£1,000,000	£1,000,000	£1,000,000
20 spills in a Typical Year	£2,000,000	£2,000,000	£2,000,000
10 spills in a Typical Year	£4,000,000	£4,000,000	£4,000,000
0 spills in a Typical Year	£7,000,000	£7,000,000	£8,000,000
Equivalent No. Olympic Swimming Pools in 10 spills scenario	8.00	9.00	10.00

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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	£1,000,000	£2,000,000	£2,000,000
No future flooding	-	£4,000,000	£11,000,000
Total	£1,000,000	£6,000,000	£13,000,000

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

Table 6 - Summary of solutions put forward are a first cycle preferred plan before SEA/HRA

L4 Catchments	No. Schemes
RAGLAN STW	0
LLANISHEN (NR LLANDOGO)	0
GWERNESNEY	0
LLANSOY (NW OF CHEPSTOW)	0
TRELLECH (N OF CHEPSTOW)	0
DEVAUDEN	0
Cuckoo's Row STW Raglan	0

DWMP Tactial Planning Catchment Summary

R Usk - conf Afon Hydfer to conf Afon Crai

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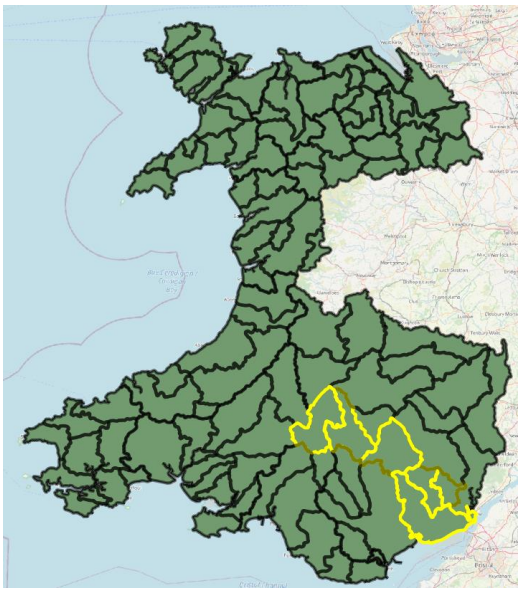

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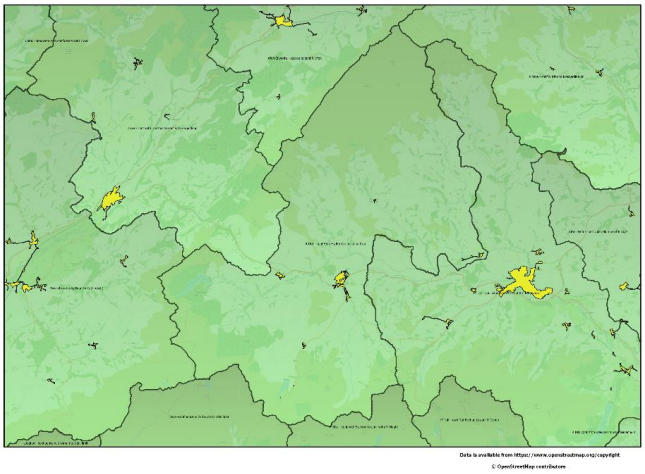

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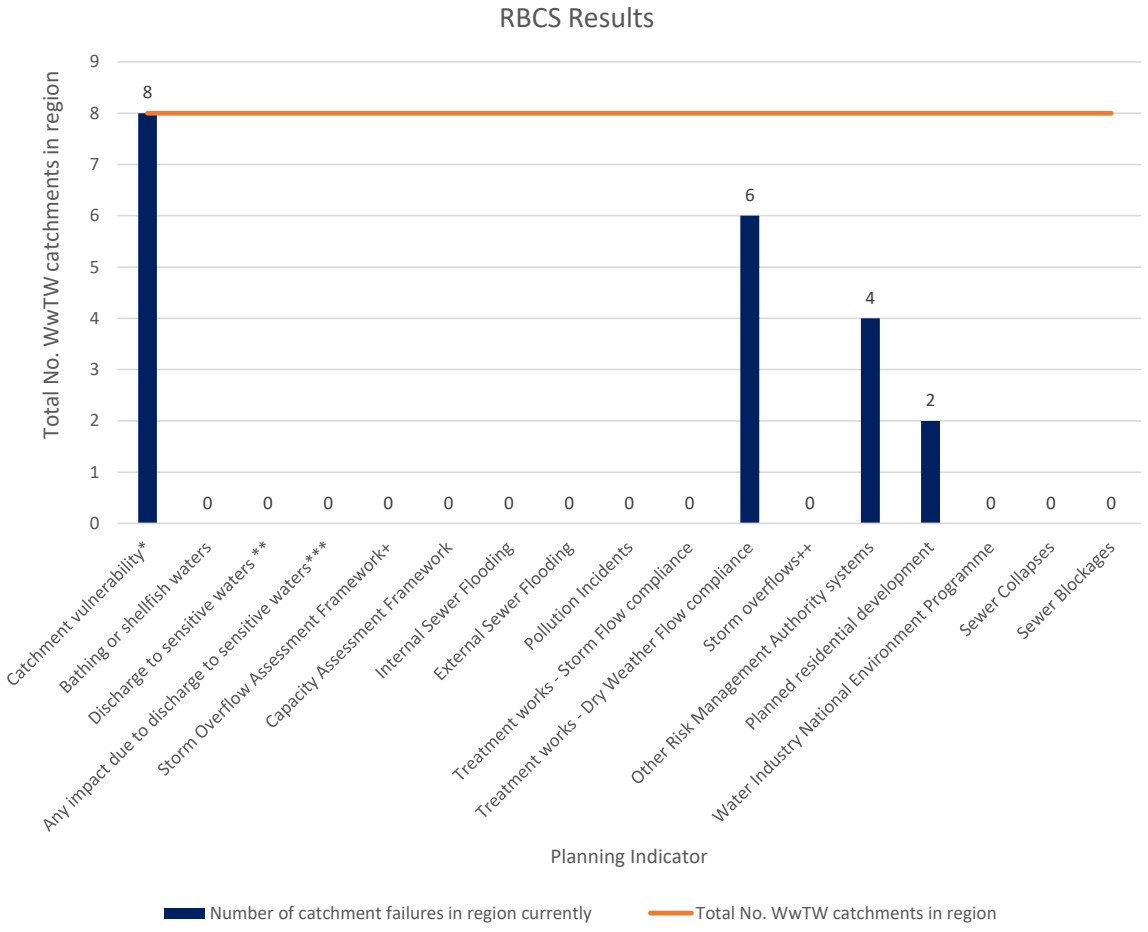

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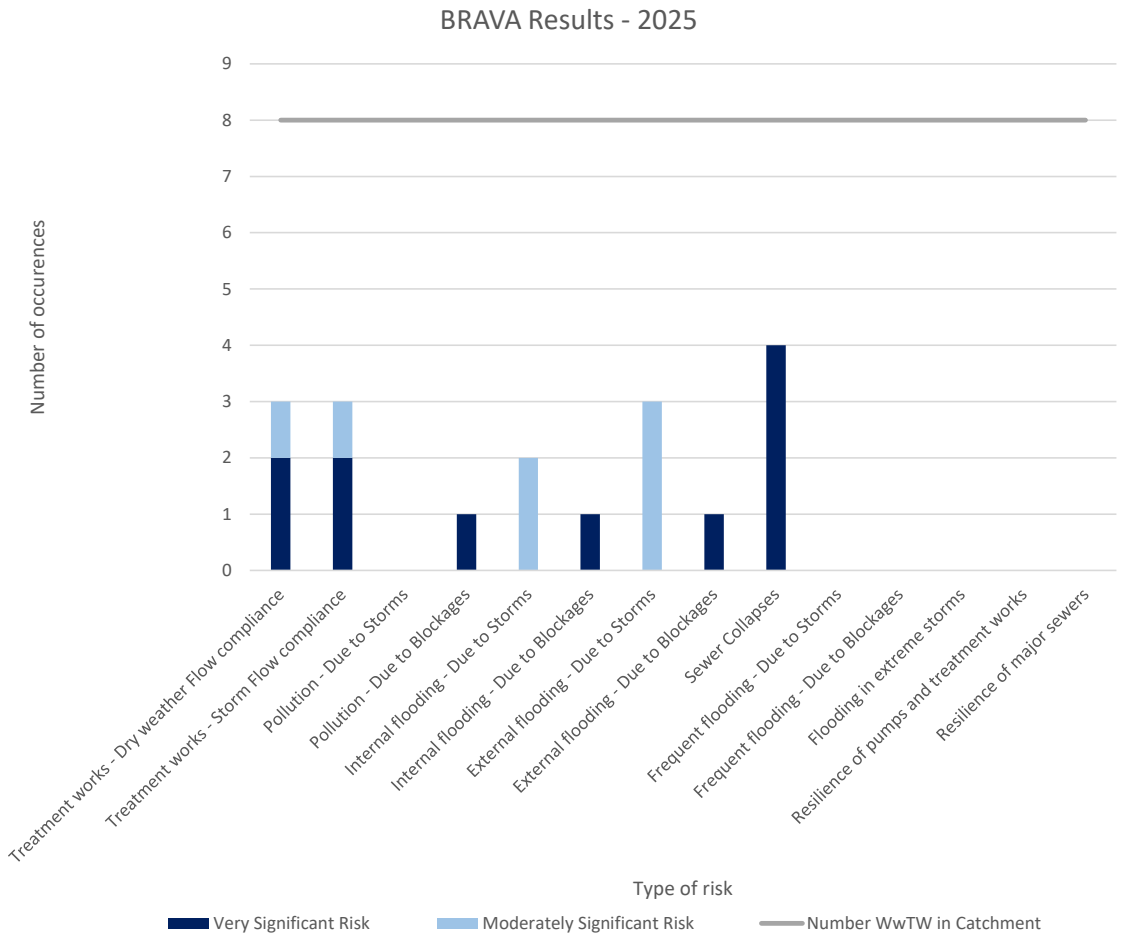

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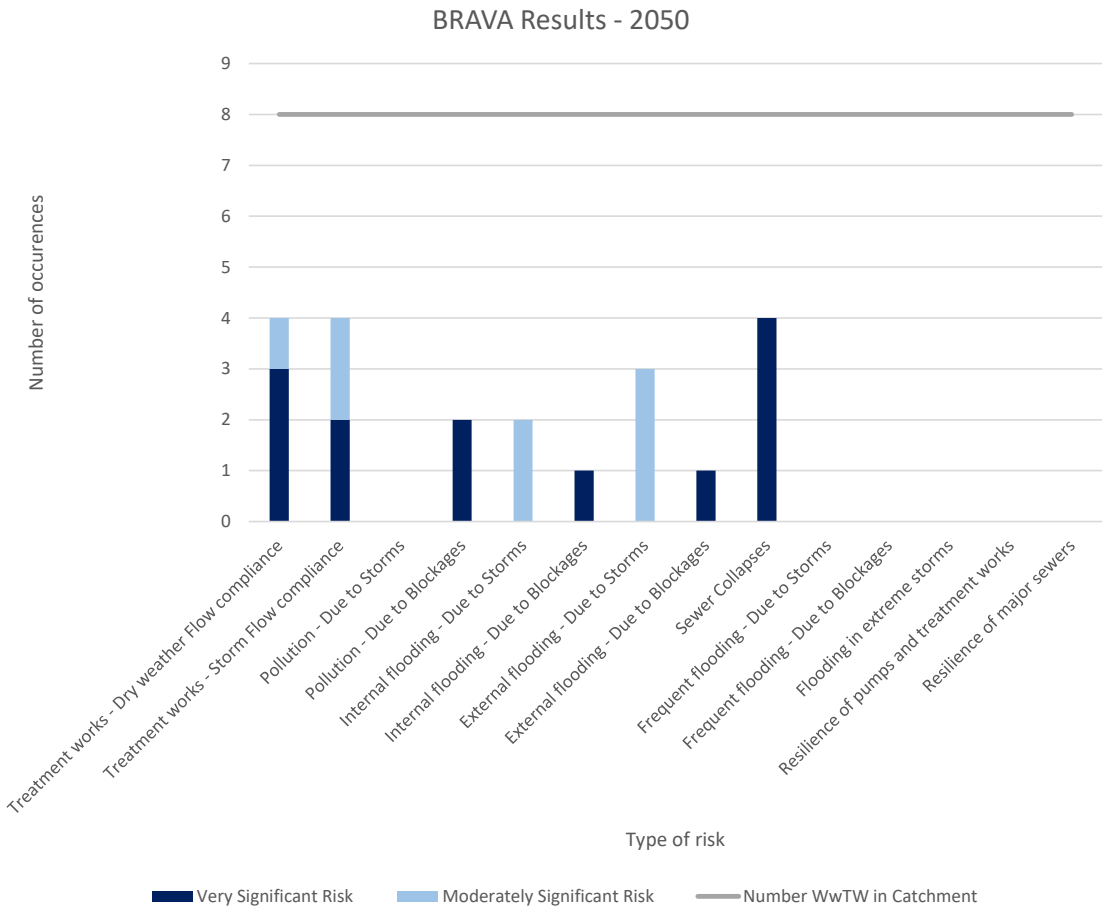

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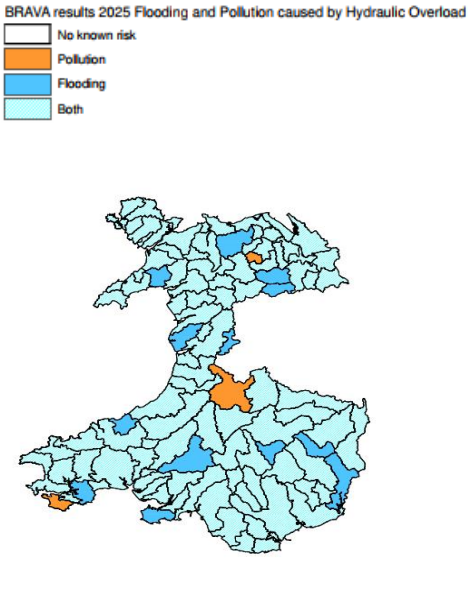

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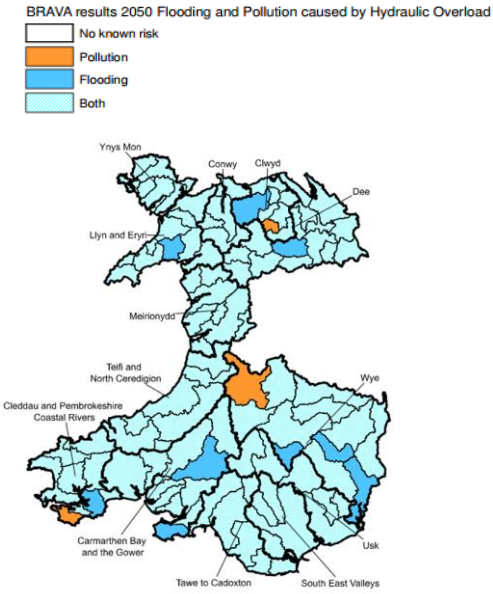

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L3 Area	Headroom	2025	2030	2035	2040	2045	2050
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	10%						
	20%						
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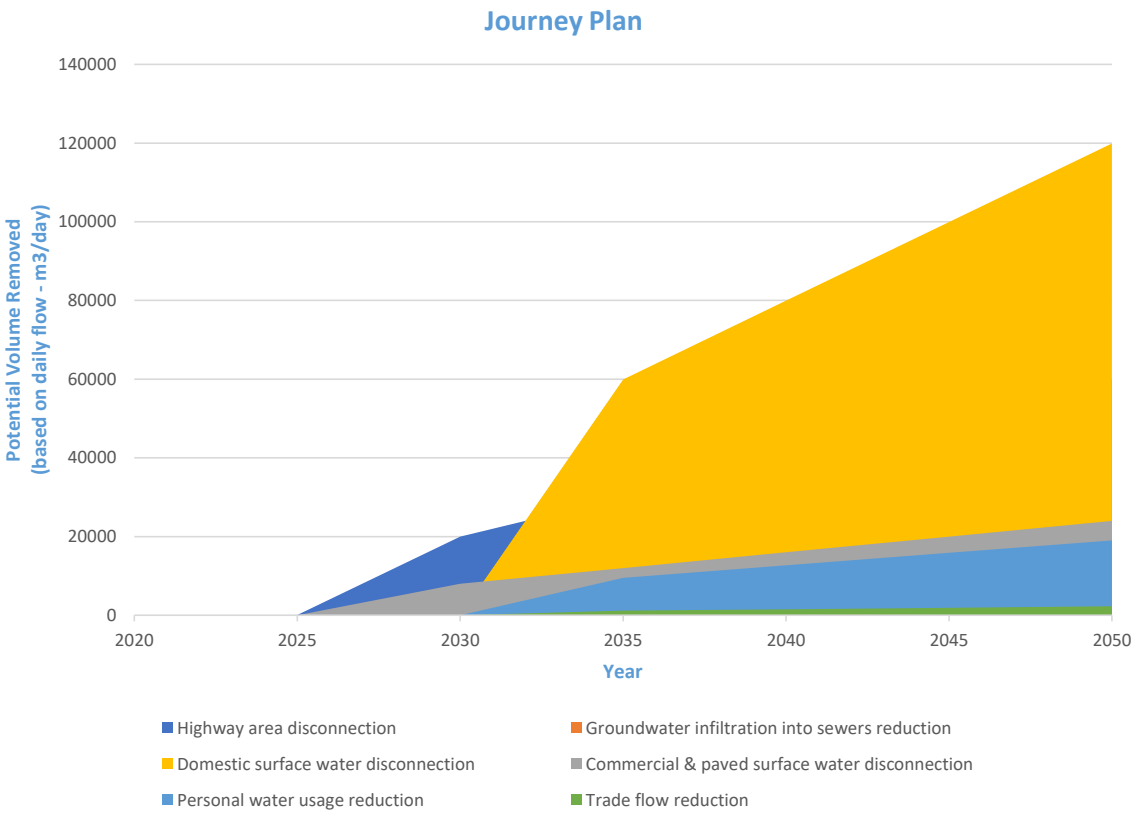
Improving Resilience		
10% Reduction in area draining to the combined sewers	Represents removal of runoff from large commercial buildings.	Short term
25% Reduction reduction in area draining to the combined sewers	Represents removal of area runoff from non-residential paved areas where there is only 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.



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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 nd flooding are to be added together.

Choice of Scenario	Current Scenario (£)	2030 Scenario (£)	2050 Scenario (£)
Maintain Existing Performance*	-	£7,000,000	£10,000,000
40 spills in a Typical Year	£1,000,000	£1,000,000	£1,000,000
20 spills in a Typical Year	£2,000,000	£2,000,000	£2,000,000
10 spills in a Typical Year	£4,000,000	£4,000,000	£4,000,000
0 spills in a Typical Year	£9,000,000	£9,000,000	£8,000,000
Equivalent No. Olympic Swimming Pools in 10 spills scenario	22.00	25.00	27.00

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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	£1,000,000	£1,000,000	£2,000,000
No future flooding	-	£5,000,000	£14,000,000
Total	£1,000,000	£6,000,000	£16,000,000

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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.

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.

Table 6 - Summary of solutions put forward are a first cycle preferred plan before SEA/HRA

L4 Catchments	No. Schemes
CRAI SWK	0
LLANFIHANGEL NANT BRAN (N OF SENNYBRIDGE	0
CRAI 2	0
CRAI 1	0
CRADOC SWK	0
COEDWAUNGAER SWK	0
TRECASTLE SWK	0
SENNYBRIDGE ARMY CAMP SWK	0

DWMP Tactial Planning Catchment Summary

R Usk - conf Afon Senni to conf Afon Crawnon

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 R Usk - conf Afon Senni to conf Afon Crawnon planning catchment lies within the Usk river basin catchment, (see Figure 1 below), it consists of 11 wastewater catchments (see Figure 2 below). There is a combined population of 12601, this is set to decrease to 9331 by 2050, a change of -26%. There is a total sewer length of 78km, with a foul sewer length of 33km, a surface water length of 16km and a combined sewer length of 26km. There are 11 Wastewater Treatment Works (WwTW), 7 Sewerage Pumping Stations (SPSs), and 19 Combined Storm Overflows (CSOs) across this tactical planning unit.

The R Usk - conf Afon Senni to conf Afon Crawnon catchment covers an area stretching from Pentre Dolau Honddu in the north as far as Abercynafon in the south. The geography of the catchment is predominantly rural and mountainous.

There are several main rivers within the L3 including the rivers Usk and Afon Tarell. The catchment covers several major urban areas including Town Brecon and Llanfaes.

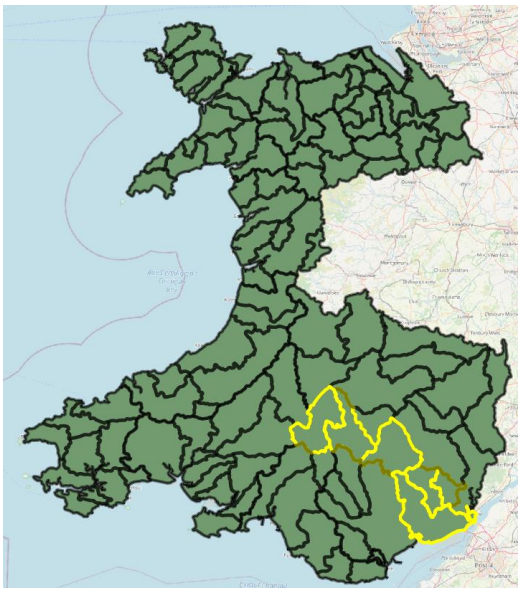
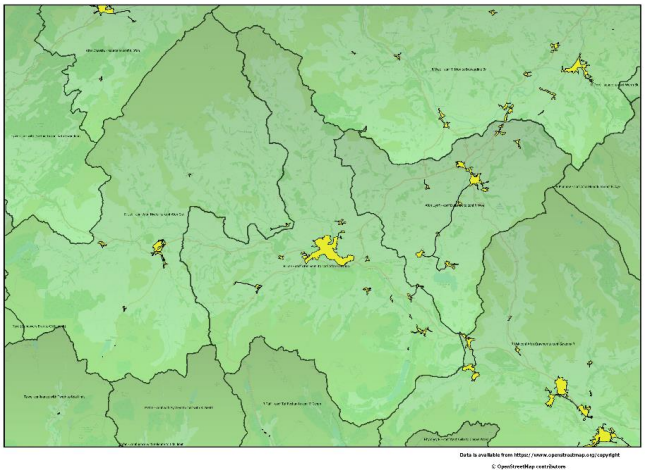


Figure 1 - River basin location detailing the associated tactial planning catchments



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2.0 Stakeholder Engagement

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Scheme Information
Stakeholder engagement meetings area 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 15% 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 Usk region is set to decrease to 9300 by 2050, a change of -26% based on our future projections. However there are major developments in localised areas that will contribute to future pressures on the network, including xxx.

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 this strategic planning area the biggest concerns indicated by the RBCS are Catchment vulnerability and Treatment works compliance - dry.

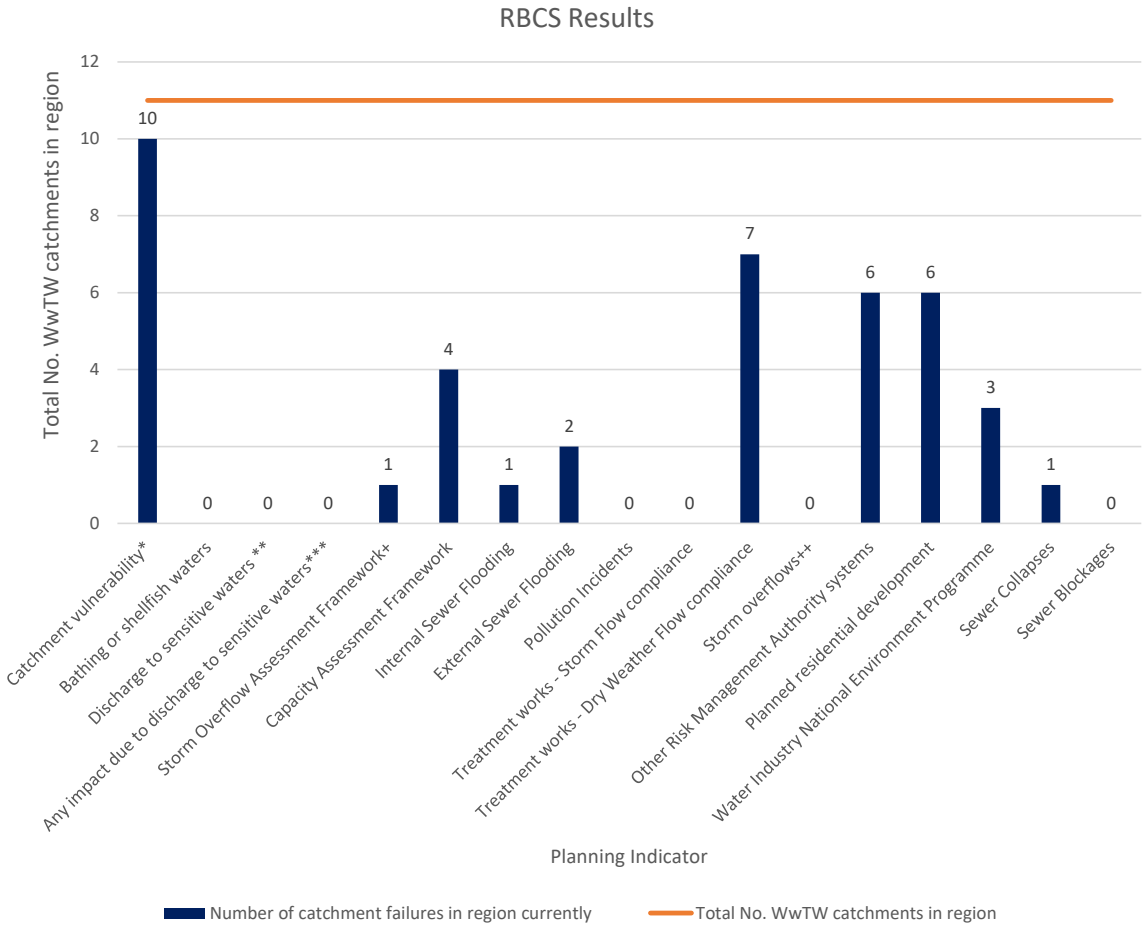

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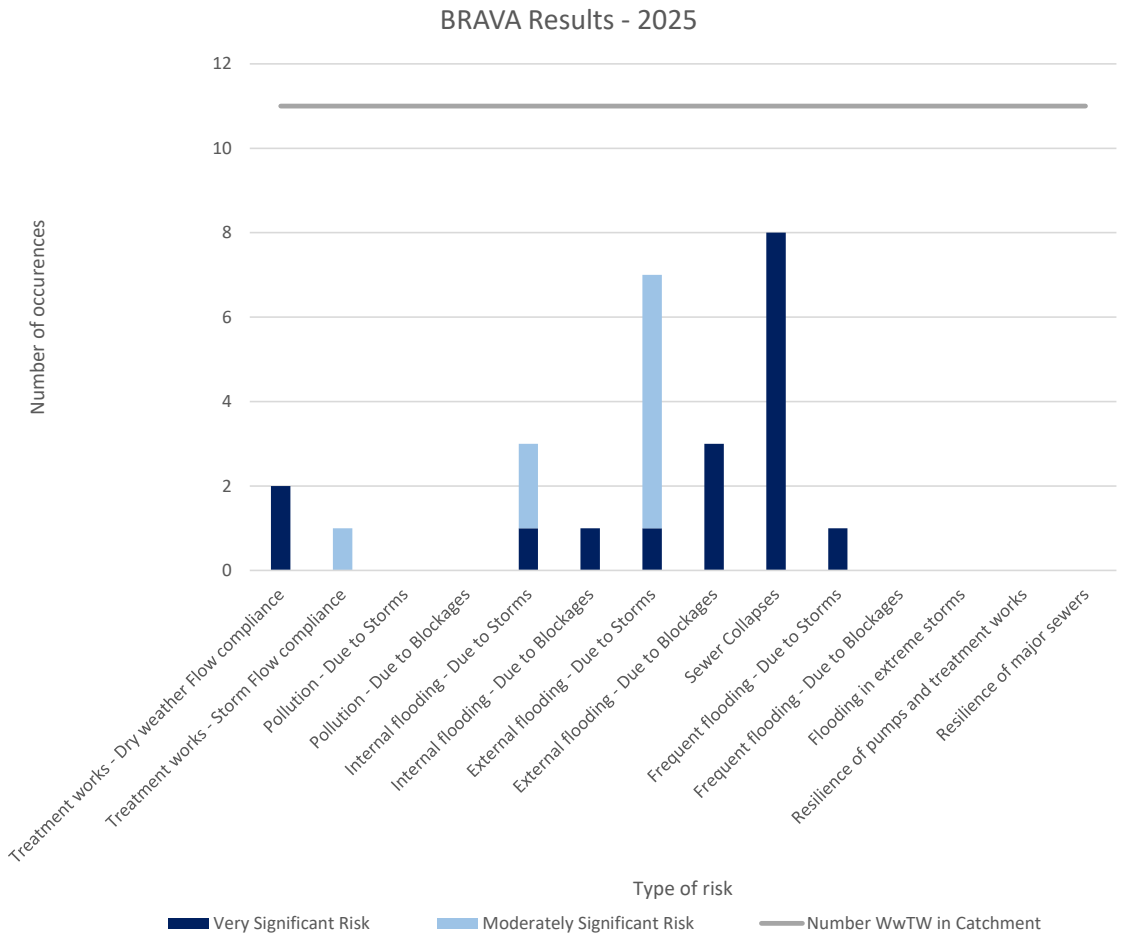
Figure 3 - Risk Based Catchment Screening results

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.



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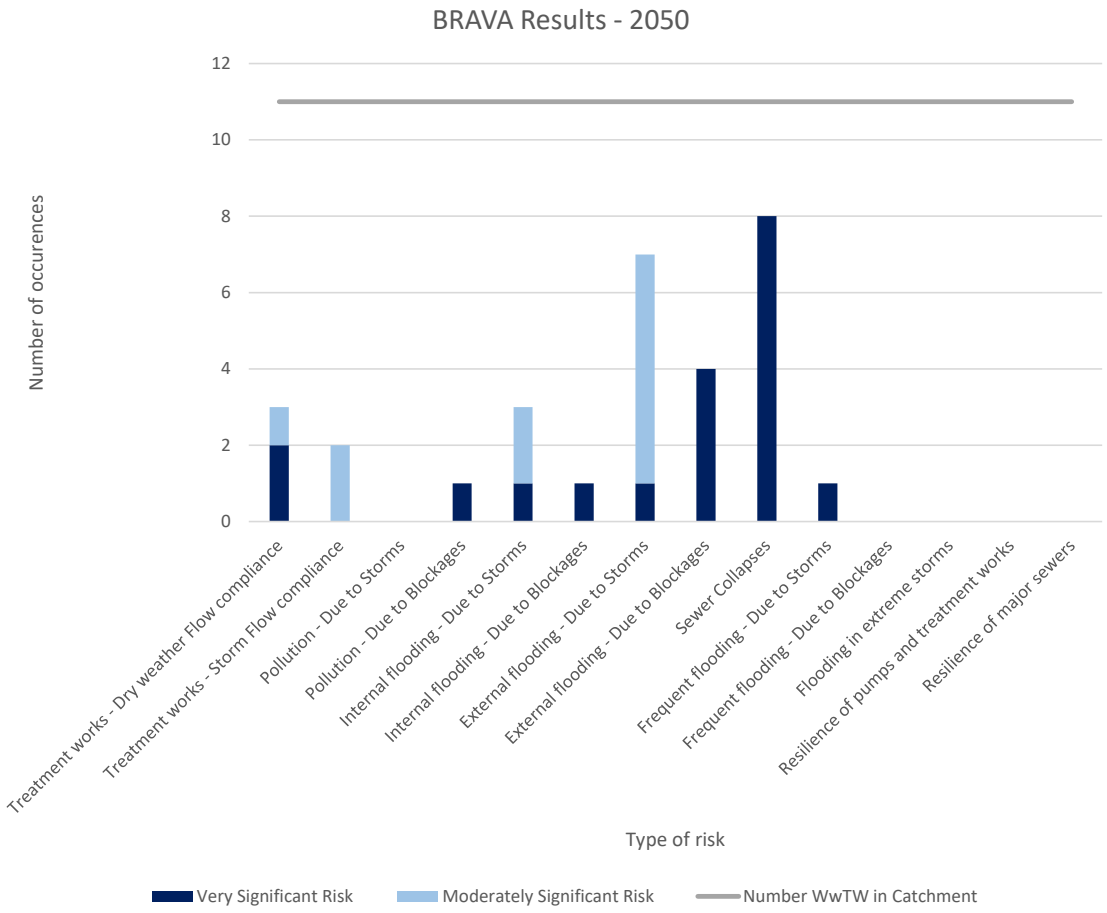

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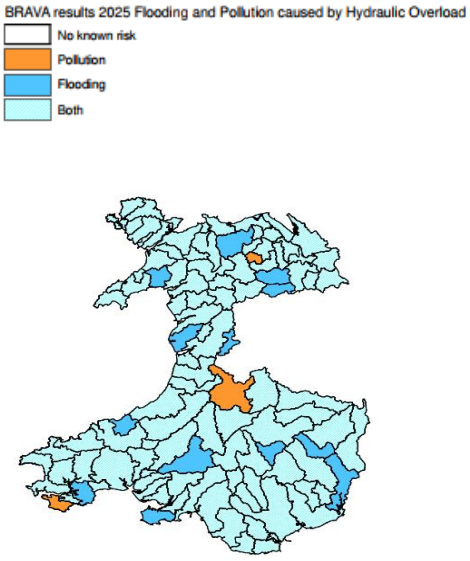

Figure 6 - Associated Strategic Planning Areas priority (2025)

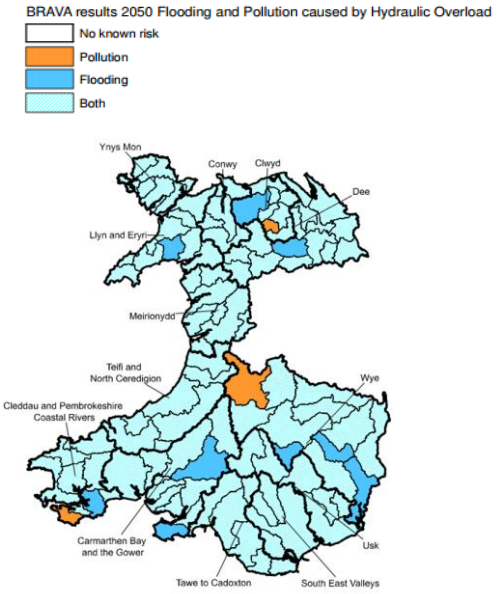

Figure 7 - Associated Strategic Planning Areas priority (2050)

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. R Usk - conf Afon Senni to conf Afon Crawnon 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
R Usk - conf Afon Senni to conf Afon Crawnon	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.

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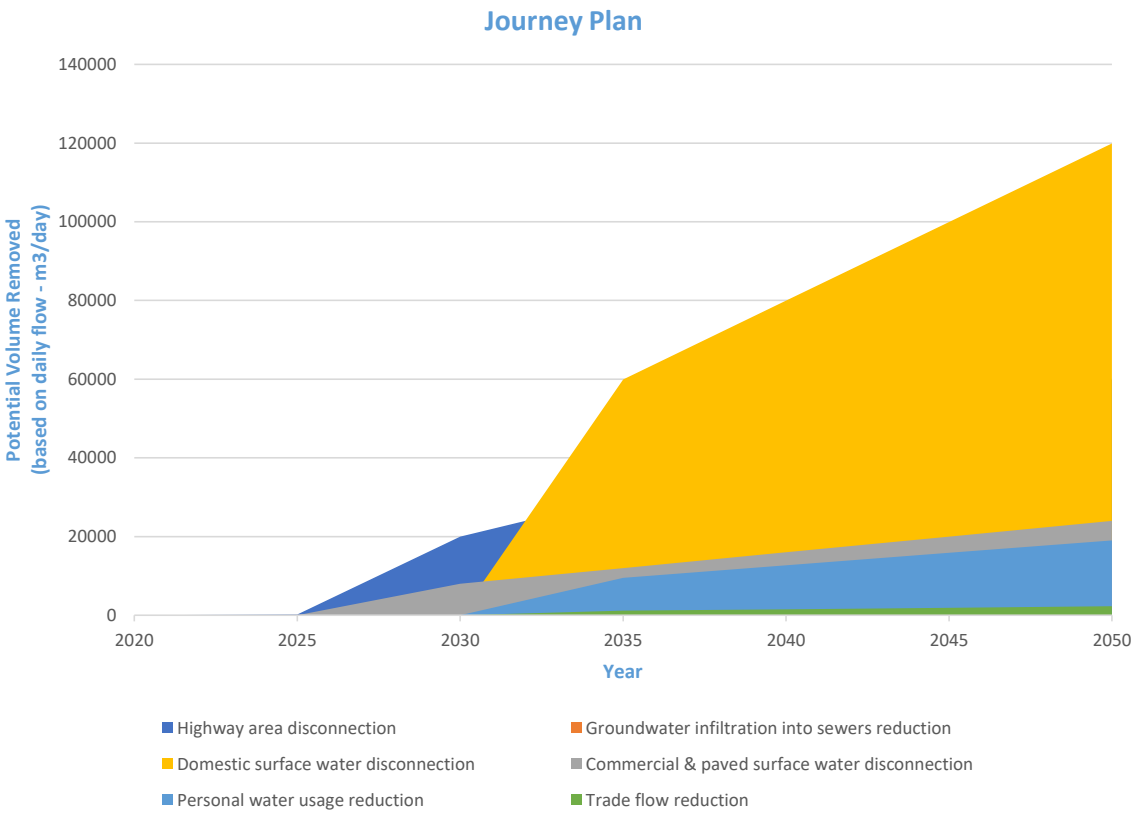

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10 spills in a Typical Year	£9,000,000	£8,000,000	£8,000,000
0 spills in a Typical Year	£23,000,000	£23,000,000	£24,000,000
Equivalent No. Olympic Swimming Pools in 10 spills scenario	64.00	70.00	80.00

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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	£0	£1,000,000	£0
Escapes in highways	£1,000,000	£1,000,000	£1,000,000
No future flooding	-	£6,000,000	£18,000,000
Total	£3,000,000	£10,000,000	£23,000,000

Table 5 - Summary of Flooding option investments

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L4 Catchments	No. Schemes
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PENCELLI (SE OF BRECON) SWK	0
PENNORTH & SCETHROG SWK	0
CROSS OAK (NR TALYBONT-ON-USK) SWK	0
LLANSPYDDID SWK	0
ABER VILLAGE STW	0
LIBANUS SWK	0
LLANDDEW SWK	0
GROESFFORDD SWK	0
LLANFRYNACH SWK	0
BRECON STW	0

DWMP Tactial Planning Catchment Summary

R Usk - conf Olway Bk to New Br

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1.1 Catchment Information

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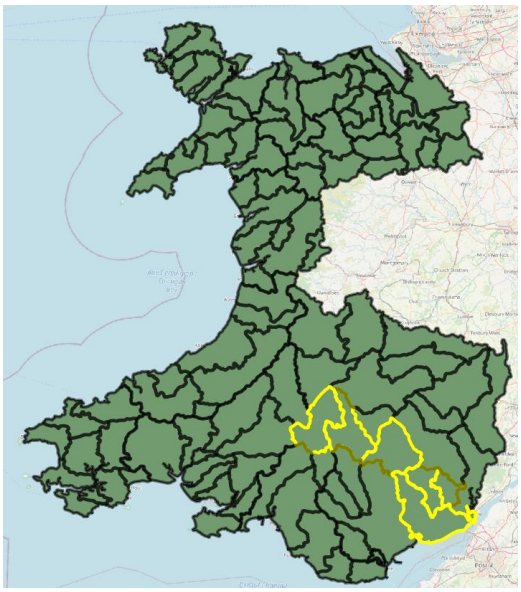
The R Usk - conf Olway Bk to New Br catchment covers an area stretching from Llanellen in the north as far as Tredunnock. The geography of the catchment is predominantly rural.

There are several main rivers within the L3 including the rivers Usk and Llantrisant Brook. The catchment covers several major urban areas including Town Usk and Llantrisant.



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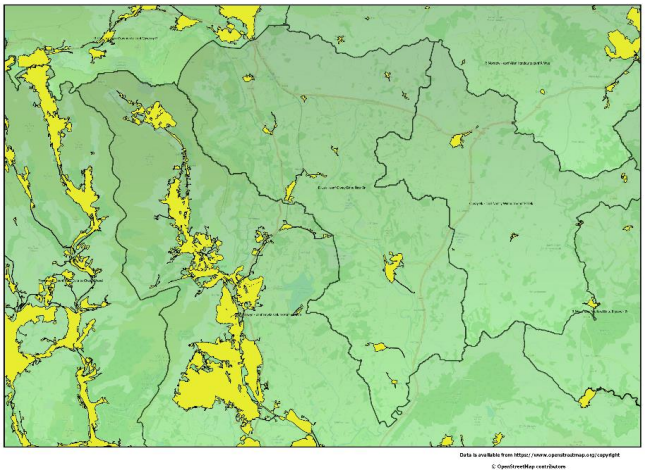

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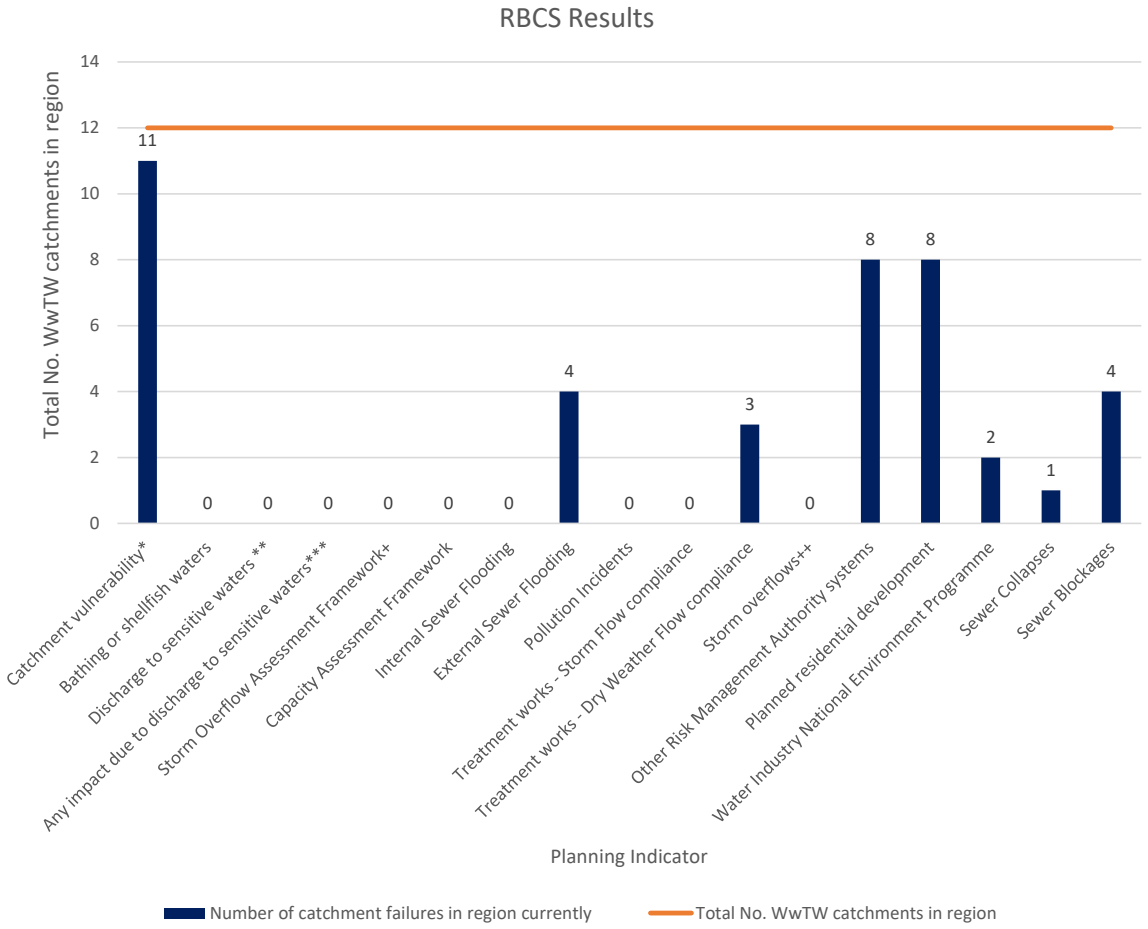

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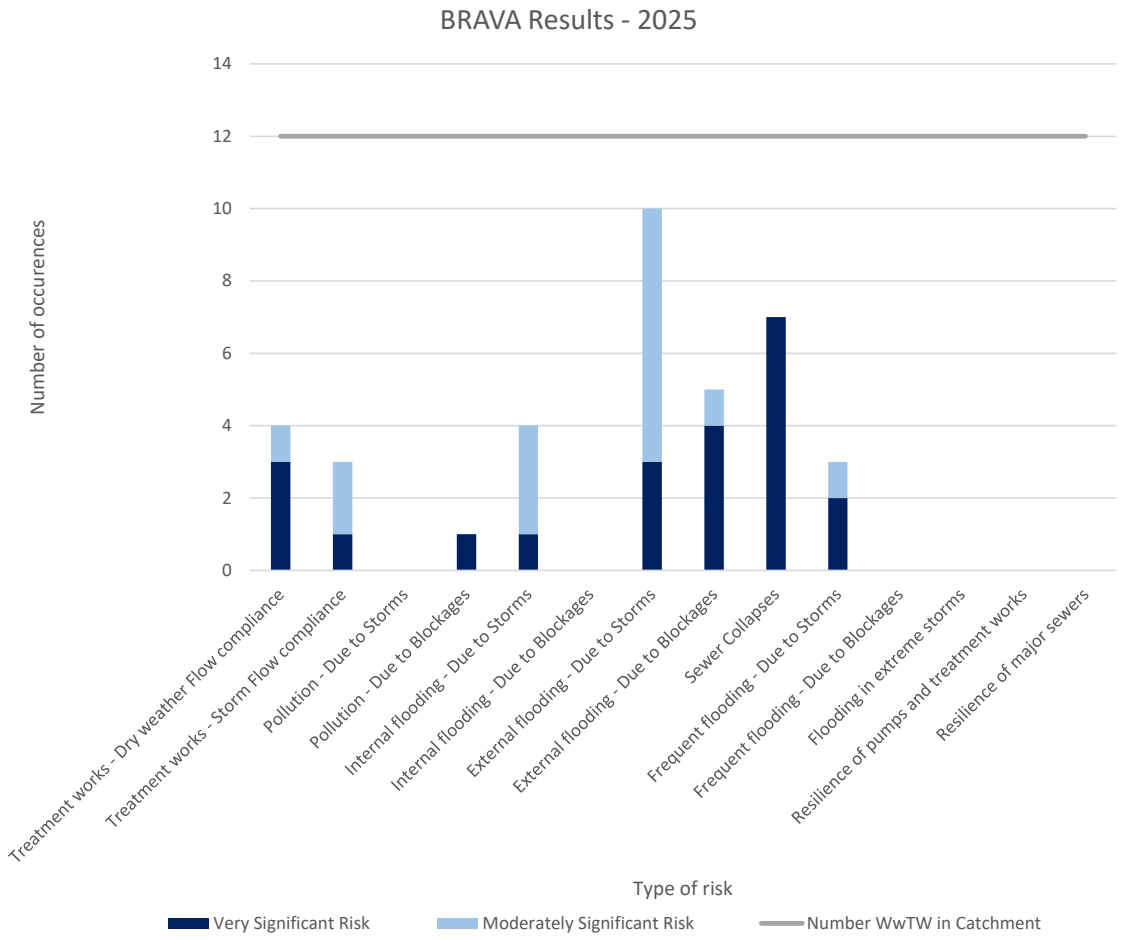

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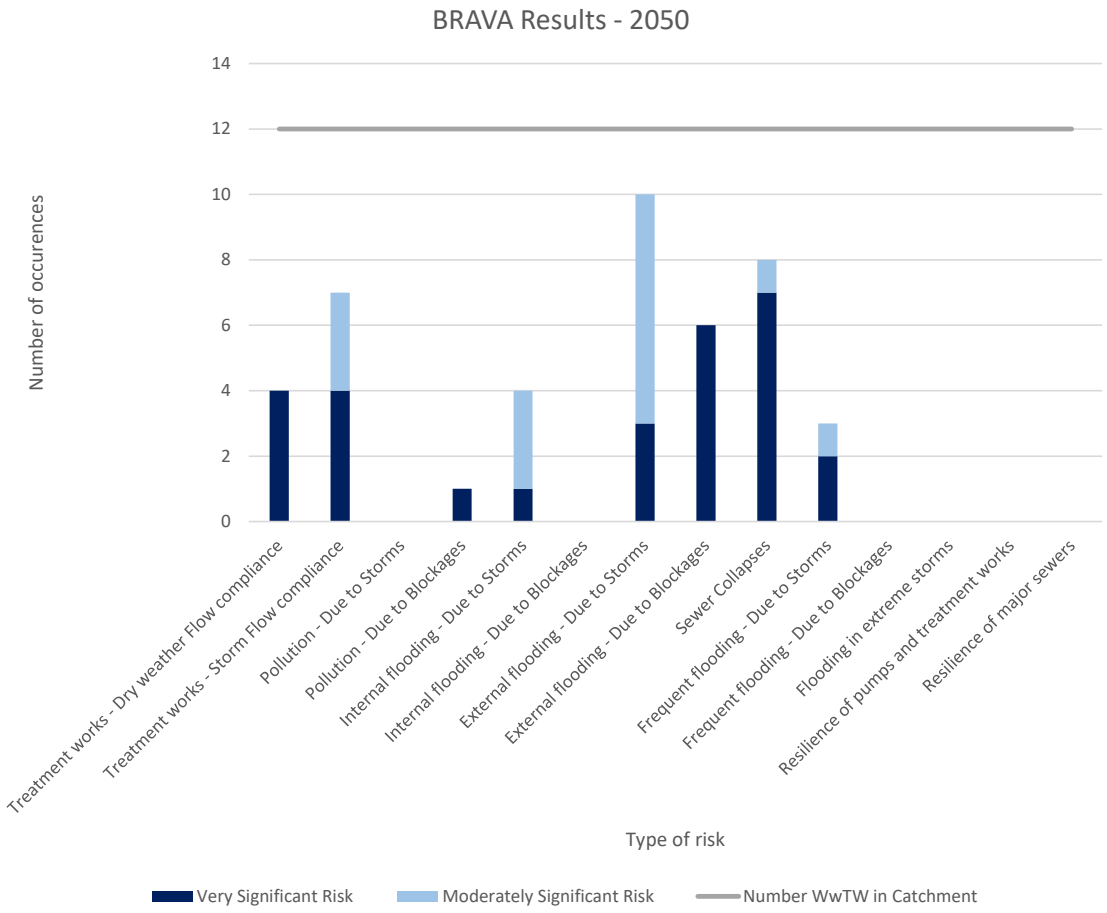

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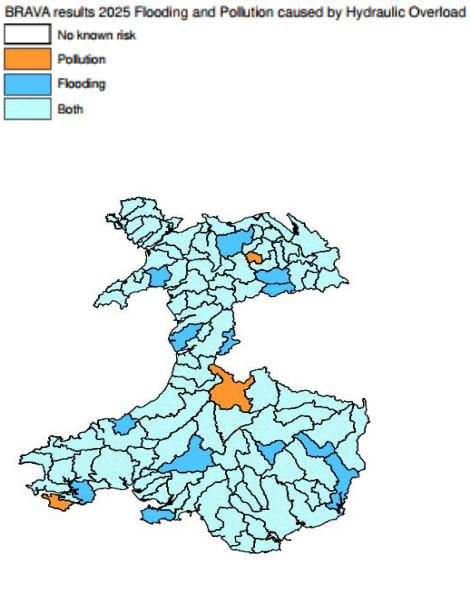

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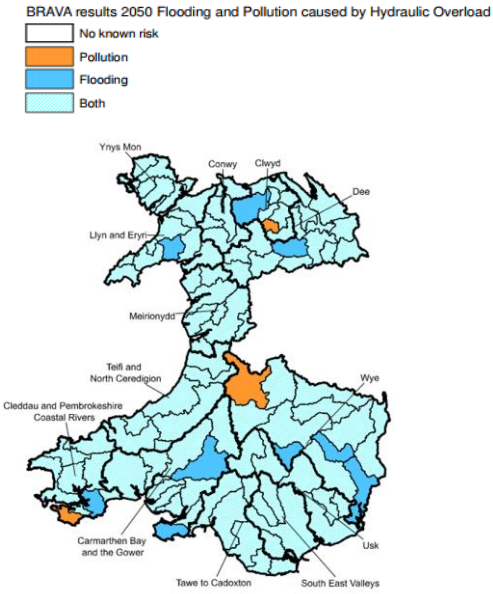

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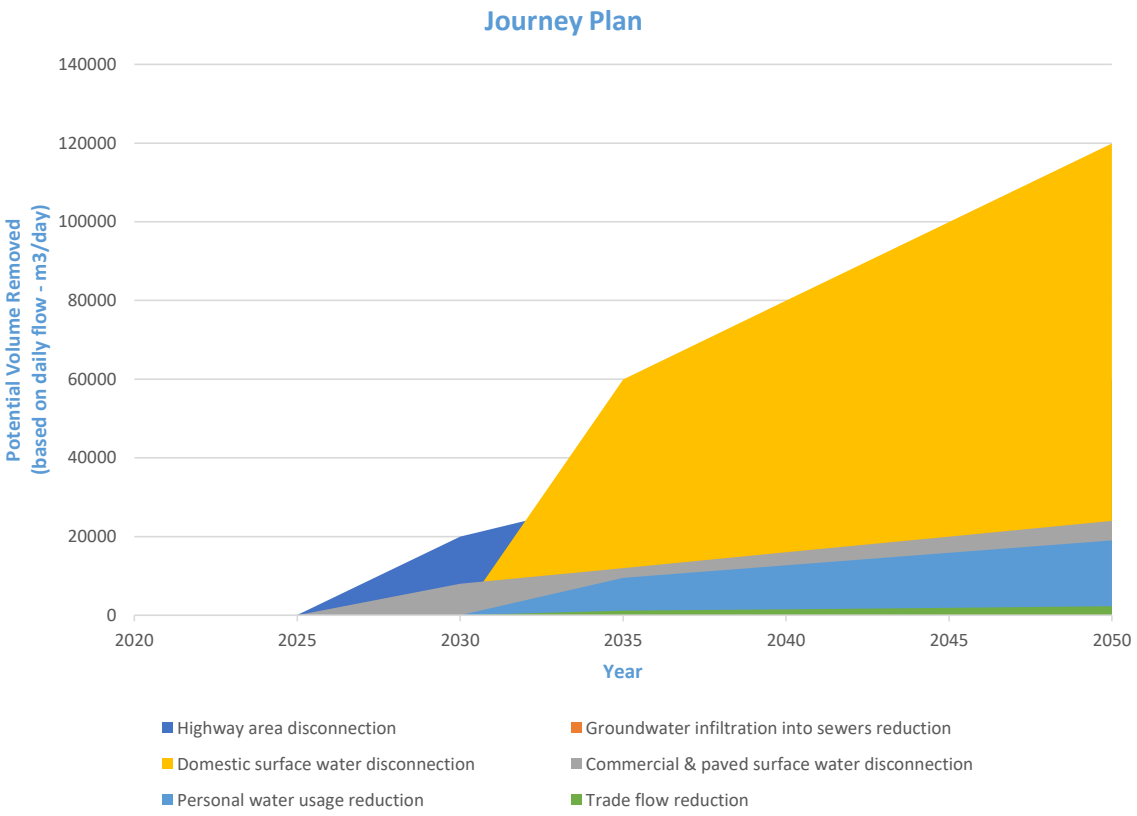

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Escapes in highways	£3,000,000	£3,000,000	£5,000,000
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Woodside No 2, Usk	0
Woodside, Usk STW	0
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LLANARTH	0
LLANFAIR KILGEDDIN (W OF RAGLAN)	0
LLANOVER	0
BRYN	0
LLANGYBI (S OF USK)	0
LLANELLEN STW	0
USK	0

DWMP Tactial Planning Catchment Summary

R Usk conf Afon Crawnon to conf Gavenny R

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 R Usk conf Afon Crawnon to conf Gavenny R planning catchment lies within the Usk river basin catchment, (see Figure 1 below), it consists of 11 wastewater catchments (see Figure 2 below). There is a combined population of 32070, this is set to decrease to 30493 by 2050, a change of -5%. There is a total sewer length of 261km, with a foul sewer length of 91km, a surface water length of 50km and a combined sewer length of 117km. There are 11 Wastewater Treatment Works (WwTW), 25 Sewerage Pumping Stations (SPSs), and 23 Combined Storm Overflows (CSOs) across this tactical planning unit.

The R Usk conf Afon Crawnon to conf Gavenny R catchment covers an area stretching from Waun Fach in the north as far as Llanfoist. The geography of the catchment is predominantly rural.

There are several main rivers within the L3 including the rivers Usk and Gavenny. The catchment covers several major urban areas including Town Crickhowell and Abergavenney.

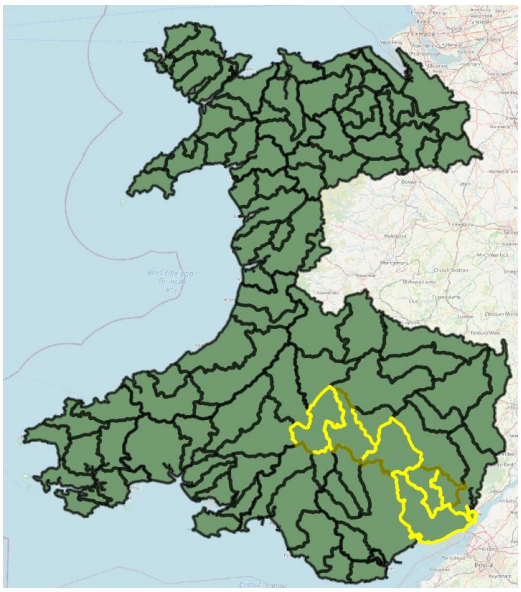

Figure 1 - River basin location detailing the associated tactial planning catchments

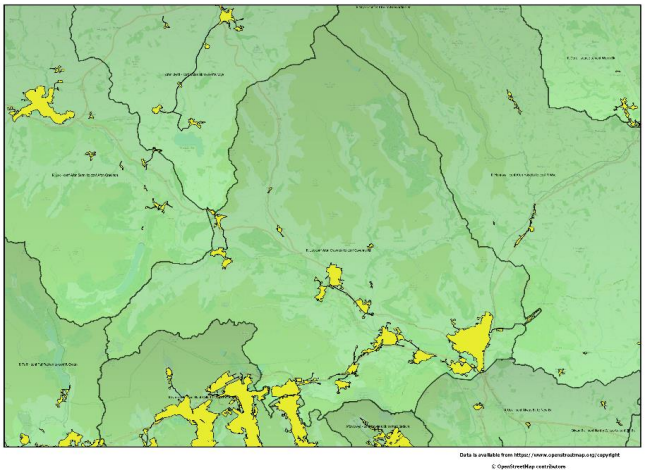

Figure 2- Tactical planning catchments

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 area 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 15% 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 Usk region is set to decrease to 30500 by 2050, a change of -5% based on our future projections. However there are major developments in localised areas that will contribute to future pressures on the network, including Cwrt-y-Gollen and Deri Farm, Abergavenny.

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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.

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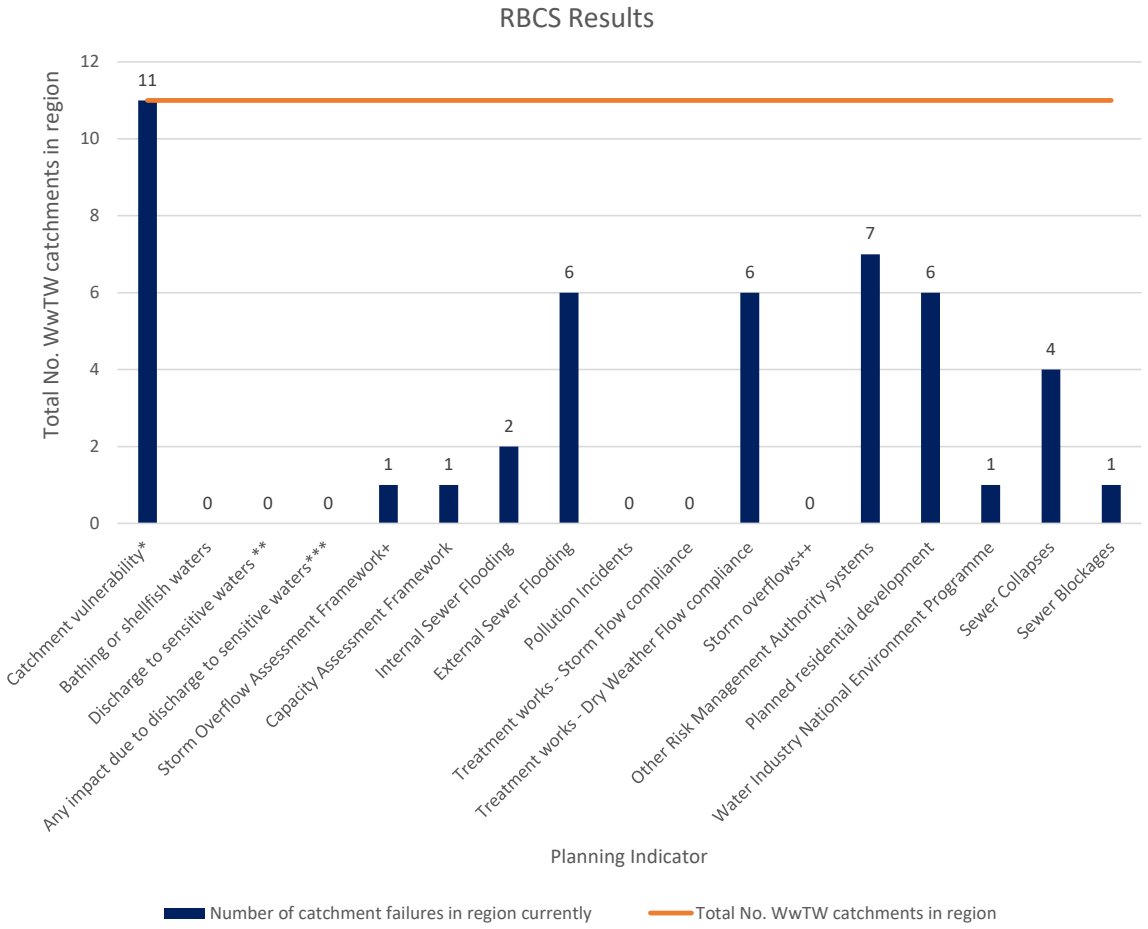

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Figure 3 - Risk Based Catchment Screening results

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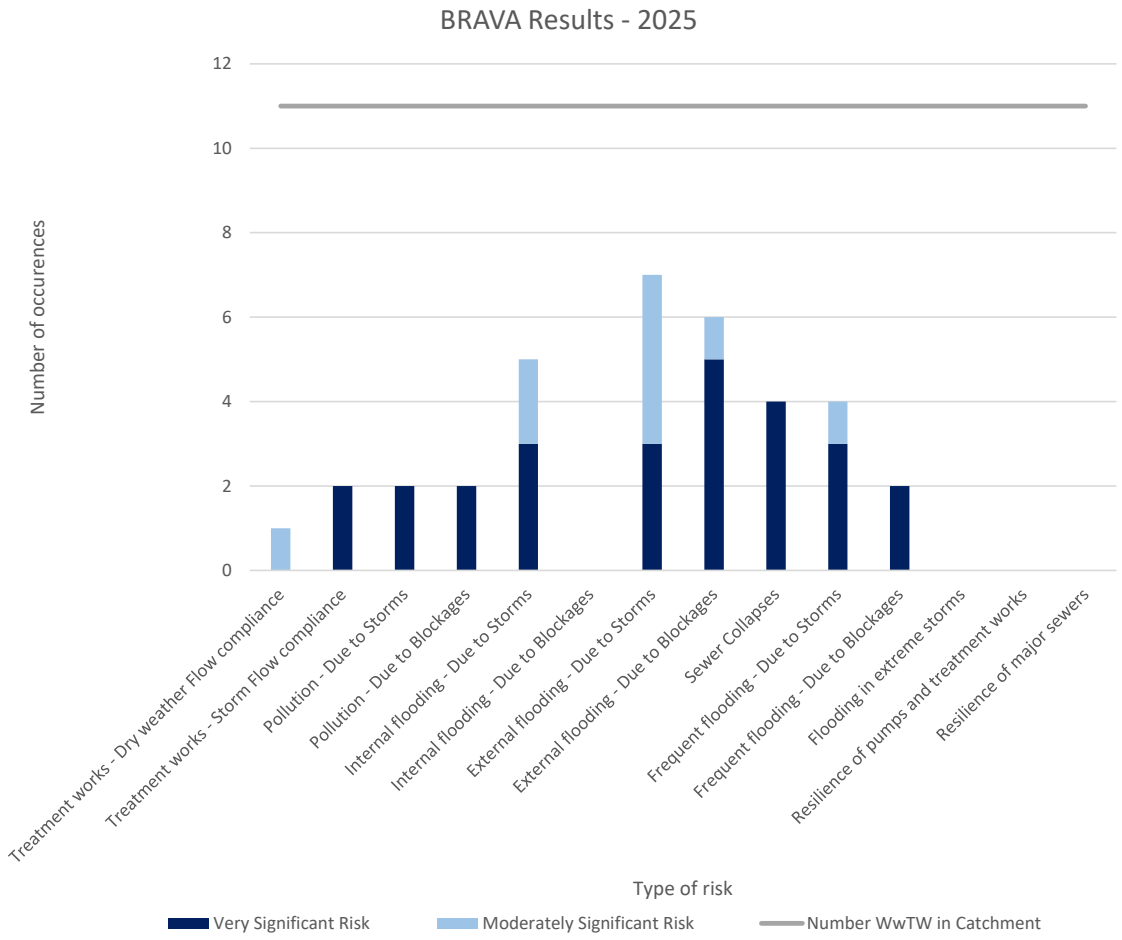

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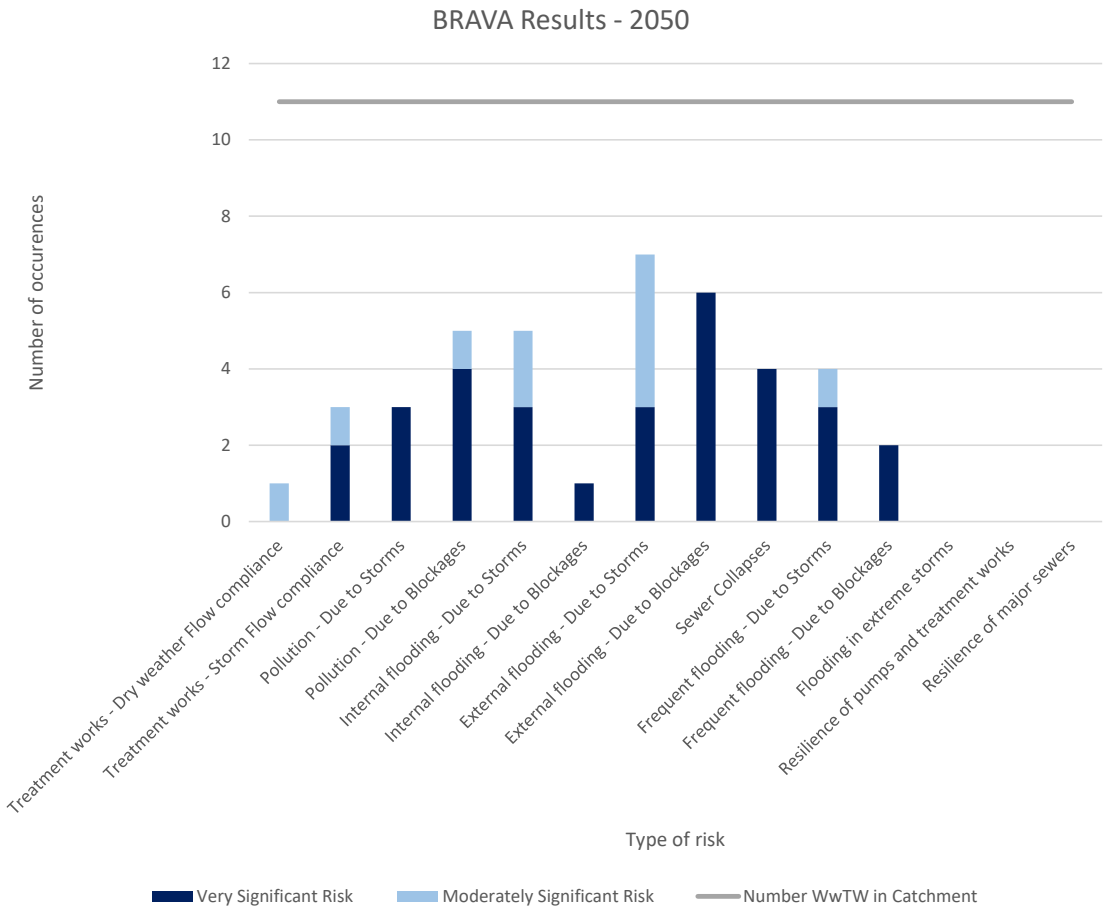

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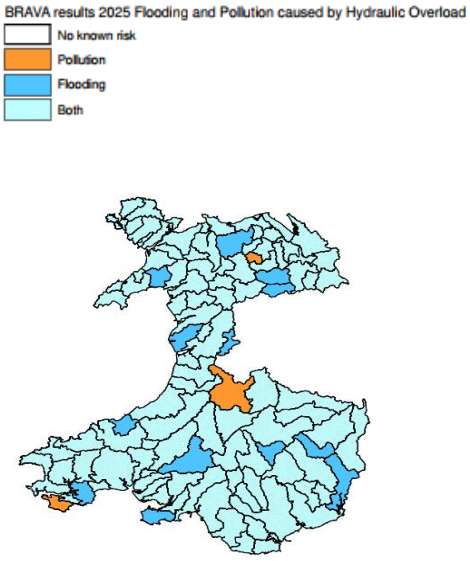

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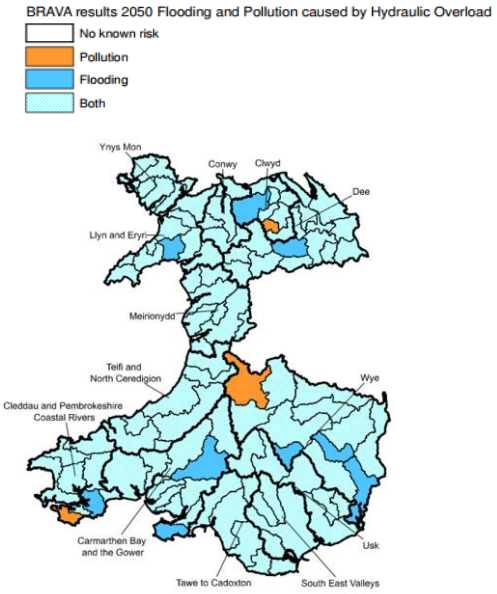

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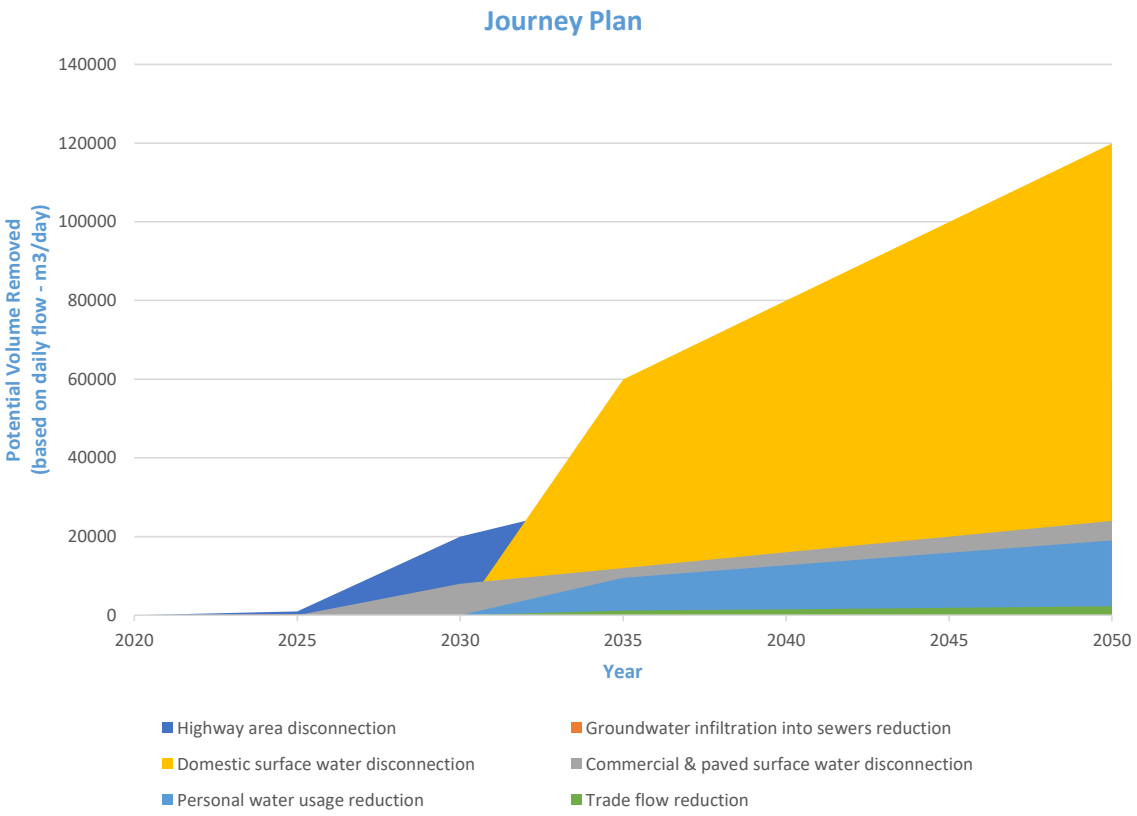

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