From

Sent: 25 February 2018 15:48

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Subject: Adoption of Sewer at Hunters MIII in Downpatrick

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I had successfully persuaded the builders insurance group NHBC to buy back 5 houses in in the block around number 21 in this estate and have them demolished and rebuilt properly. This took several years in conjunction with the local residents association.

I was thus a bit shocked to hear that other residents not affected by the subsidence issue are now not able to sell their houses as NI Water has not adopted the sewers.

If you look at the attached documents, you will see that sales of these other houses are falling through as NIWater will not adopt the sewers.

As NHBC sold their damaged properties to a builder who is planning to re-build, NI Water could liaise with NHBC and deal with this new issue quite cheaply as part of this building process

I know NI Water has surveyed the site as I saw them there late last year while they were doing it. So you should know what needs to be done.

The family whose documents I sent you have agreed to let me share these with you. They had been trying to sell their house for some time - it was only after the sale of the properties by NHBC that they were able to sell.

Can you please contact NHBC and arrange for whatever cost is involved in adopting these sewers is dealt with?

The person at NHBC I have been dealing with is Paul Western whose email is PWestern@nhbc.co.uk

PS Other contact details for NHBC are

NHBC Claims | NHBC House | Davy Avenue | Knowlhill | Milton Keynes | Bucks | MK5 8FP

Tel: 0344 6331000 Fax: 0344 633 0030

Email: claims@nhbc.co.uk Website: www.nhbc.co.uk



26 February 2018 10:39

RE: Adoption of Sewer at Hunters Mill in Downpatrick

As discussed NIW have completed an extensive assessment of the sewers within the development. You are correct in that the sewers have not been adopted.

To carry out repairs to the sewers will cost in the region of £400k. This involves the replacement of a total of 180m of foul and storm sewer along with the reconstruction of the associated manholes. It will require the piling of all the sewers and the manholes. It will also require works to the individual house connections from the boundary of the houses to the sewer in the roadway. There will also need to be extensive reconstruction of the road surface as a result of this works.

Geotechnical investigation was carried out. This revealed a large layer of fill (circa 2m) on top of very poor ground. The geotechnical report identifies that it will take about 30 years for the site to achieve an acceptable level of settlement. Until this is achieved it suggests that any repair works done to the sewers now will most likely need to be re-addressed in the future with further significant costs.

The bond for the site which is held by DFI Roads in insufficient to cover the costs of the repairs to the sewers. Owning to this shortfall NI Water are not in a position to undertake to complete any repairs to the sewers.

I am happy if a third party such as NHBC wishes to consider paying for this work. As discussed I will arrange for someone in my team to contact NHBC to discuss. However whilst NHBC will probably be happy to discuss with NIW it is likely that as NIW do not have a contract with NHBC the residents will need to head up any claim / discussions with NHBC. As I said NIW are willing to be involved in discussion.

NIW appreciates the concerns of the residents surrounding the adoption of the sewers. I would take this opportunity to point out that even if the repairs to the sewers are completed NIW will only adopt the sewers when we are fully satisfied that the repaired sewers have not continued to settle.

I will arrange to contact NHBC and will endeavour to update you on how discussion have went.

Regards





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Please find attached a response to your email of 20th July 2018.	
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Date: Friday, 20 Jul 2018, 1:27 pm	
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I am writing to let you know that the worst of the houses in Hunters Mill have been demolished and that new developer is applying for planning permission to build anew and will have to lay new sewerage lines for his properties.	
Clearly he intends to address the subsidence issue and has taken expert advice about this site.	52
This affords you the opportunity of fulfilling the ministerial directive for this site as was done in Newtonards - but more affordably than your various missives to me have estimated to date.	
Most of the houses do not have such a bad problem as those that have been demolished - where the main subsidence had occurred.	n
Thus working with the developer you could come up with an affordable solution between what he has to anyway - and what you need to do to fulfill the Ministerial directive and take change of the sewer system the area.	
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To:

Water Incidents 06 March 2018 08:59

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FW: NI Water response to your enquiry

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For info.

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Sent: 06 March 2018 08:18

To:

Subject: NI Water response to your enquiry



Please see statement below in response to your enquiry.

Kind regards

"NI Water has carried out an extensive investigation into the repair of the sewers laid by the developer within the housing development at Hunters Mill. Due to the ground conditions within the development, the sewers have settled extensively.

"To repair the sewers will cost in the region of £400,000 requiring extensive works to stabilise the ground, the manholes and the sewer. A report carried out into the ground conditions has indicated that this work cannot be undertaken until the ground within the development has fully settled. Indications are that this will not happen for another ten to fifteen years.

"Given the very poor ground conditions and the associated costs, the situation is being reviewed by NI Water in conjunction with colleagues in the Department for infrastructure."

northern Ireland water Westland House 40 Old Westland Road Belfast, BT14 6TE

Web: www.niwater.com

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Fron	
Sent: 20 April 2018 10:35	
To 2018 10:55	
Subject: Re: FW: query on Ministerial Directive	
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I'd also like to know the amount of money spent on fixing the sewers in the other 4 Estates subject to the Ministerial Order to make them fit to be adopted	
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On Wed, 18 Apr 2018, 13:20 wrote:	
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Further to below, I wanted to send you an e-mail to update you on the latest position.	
I am working with colleagues in NIW to pull together all relevant information on this case and when this is	
complete you will receive a full written reply.	
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I am also aware that you have also submitted a Freedom of Information request on this issue and I can inform yo	
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I hope this is helpful and I look forward to speaking with you soon.	
Regards	
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I understand that Minister Michelle McIlveen made a ministerial directive about 3 years ago to have the department step in for 5 sewer-cum-road intractable situations in 5 estates across NI.

The point being that without the Department getting involved it was unlikely that these situations would ever be resolved trapping taxpayers in unsellable houses.

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These have mostly been dealt with, most recently in Newton Ards.

However one remains undone - namely Hunters Mill in Downpatrick.

Can you inform me of when the ministerial directive will be fulfilled in respect of Hunters Mill?

Roads can only adopt the roads in this estate AFTER NIWater have made good the sewers abandoned by the bankrupt developer in a poor state.

NIWater have costed putting right the storm and sewer drains at £400,000

I look forward to hearing from you.

Sent:

06 November 2020 12:03

To:

Subject:

RE: Gating order request to be checked -Downpatrick

The roads in this development have not been adopted due to serious issues with the sewers in this development. There are insufficient funds in the road bond to carry out the necessary repairs so the site has and will remain unadopted until these matters have been resolved.

Regards

From:

Sent: 06 November 2020 10:16

To

Subject: FW: Gating order request to be checked -Downpatrick

I've received an adoption request from NM&D council for Hunters Mill in Downpatrick. The area is not adopted or maintained by the Department. Would you be able to provide any info as to why the area was not adopted?

Thanks,

From

Sent: 06 November 2020 09:56

Tel

Subject: FW: Gating order request to be checked -Downpatrick

Apologies. Find attached. If you would acknowledge receipt please. Thank you.

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Downpatrick Civic Centre
Downshire Estate
Ardglass Road
Downpatrick BT30 6GQ

Sent: U4 NOVEMBER 2U2U 15:08

To: <u>NewryMourneandDownWest@infrastructure-ni.gov.uk</u>
Subject: Gating order request to be checked -Downpatrick



Project Information

Project Name **Project Number Project Date DPH CONSTRUCTION HUNTERS MILL** 27/05/2021

Client

Company:

DPH CONSTRUCTION

Contact:

GARY LAVERTY

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Town or City:

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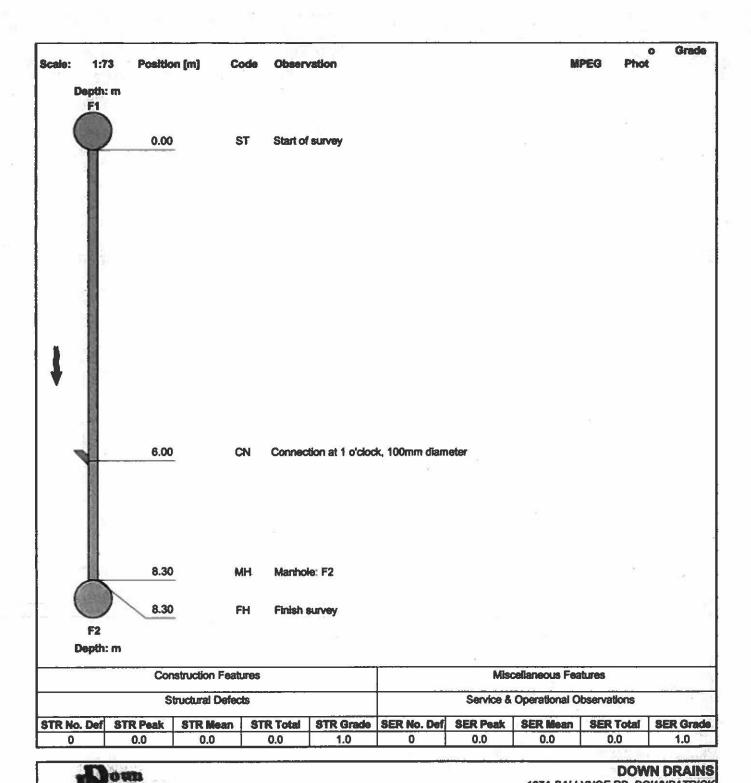
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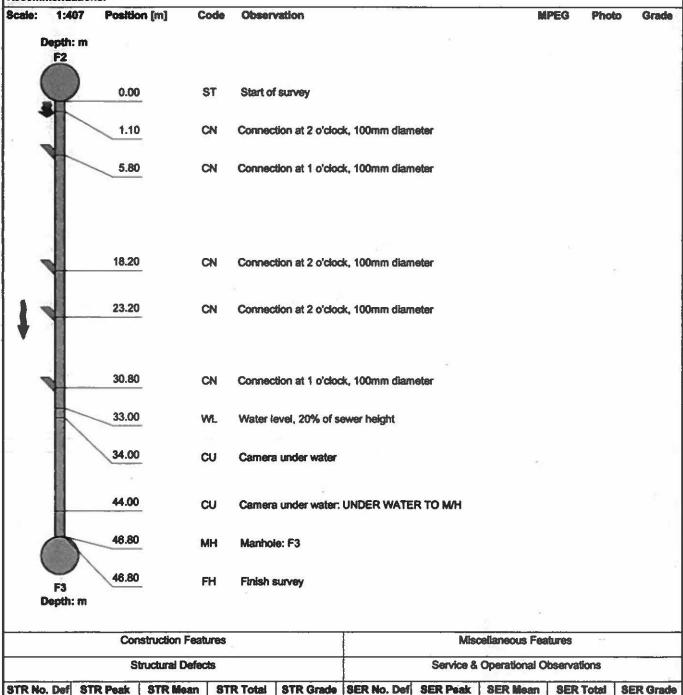
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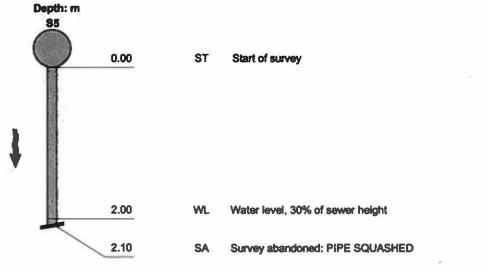
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Year Constructed:

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Pipe Material:

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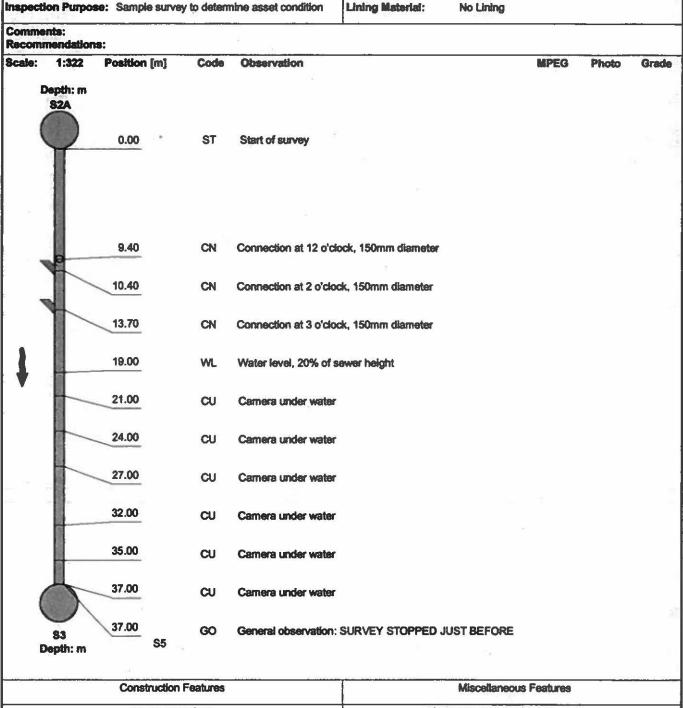
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Sent:

To:

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Subject:

17 August 2021 10:35

RE: Adoption of Hunters Mill, Vianstown Road Downpatrick

I will contact her.

KC

From

Sent: 17 August 2021 08:19

To

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Subject: Adoption of Hunters Mill, Vianstown Road Downpatrick

The Newry, Mourne and Down Council meeting clinics were held yesterday.

During the SF Downpatrick DEA meeting Cllr Oonagh Hanlon raised the adoption of Hunter's Mill, Vianstown Road Downpatrick. When informed that a Private Streets rep was not participating in the meeting she ask that a representative contact her re: the Hunter's Mill development. She would like a meeting to discuss a request from the residents and developer to have the development adopted.

Could you or a member of your team please contact Clir Hanlon.

Regards

Sent:

19 August 2021 14:46

To:

Subject:

Hunters Mill

Attachments:

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Thanks for calling me back this morning. As discussed please find attached survey instructed by DPH Construction the owners of the corner site at Hunters Mill.

Once you have had a chance to look over I can proceed with making representation on behalf of the residents.

Kind Regard

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Date:

December 2021

ADOPTION OF HUNTERS MILL, DOWNPATRICK

Thank you for your email of 16 December 2021 on behalf of residents regarding the lack of action by my Department in relation to the adoption of the Hunters Mill development, Downpatrick.

As outlined in my previous correspondence of 25 October 2021, Hunters Mill has not been adopted primarily due to the poor condition of the sewers within the site caused by extremely poor ground conditions.

I am advised that NI Water undertook a geotechnical assessment in 2016 at which time they estimated it would cost in the region of £465,000 to bring the sewers and manholes up to adoptable standard. However, on further assessment, engineers established that ground settlement was ongoing and would likely continue up to 2030. As you will be aware, in 2018/19 a block of five houses had to be demolished due to the ongoing severe settlement.

I am advised that due to the ongoing settlement issue, the repair works were not progressed by NI Water at that time based on an engineering decision as opposed to any legal standing.

My officials are aware of a number of other sites with poor ground conditions, however, I have been advised that design solutions to such complex ground conditions will differ depending on the type of ground conditions within the actual site.

I fully appreciate how frustrating this must be for the residents of Hunters Mill given the passage of time between 2016 and today. I have asked my officials to re-engage with NI Water representatives to establish if it would be possible to identify a solution to have the sewers permanently repaired before the originally envisaged date of 2030 so my Roads officials could proceed to complete the roads and footway repairs required to bring the development up to adoption standard.

I have asked officials to advise you of the outcome of these discussions as soon as a conclusion with NI Water has been reached.

I hope you find this reply helpful.

NICHOLA MALLON MLA Minister for Infrastructure

Sent:

To: Subject: 01 February 2022 16:48

FW: Hunters Mill, Downpatrick

Hi

See draft below are you content

From

Sent: 01 February 2022-15:52

To

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I met with Dfl Roads today regarding Hunters Mill, Downpatrick. Below is a summary of the discussions;

- -Roads enquired if the money was made available to NI Water would we consider carrying out the works now.
- -I replied that NI Water would be unlikely to carry out any works now due to the Geotechnical Report carried out in 2016 stating settlement would continue until 2030 and any works carried out in advance would likely require further remedial works in the future. It may be feasible if a new Geotechnical report to confirm if the settlement issue has been resolved earlier than expected. Although after 6 years this may be unlikely.
- -A conversation was had around NI Water considering adoption in the current condition if funding was guaranteed in the future to correct the defects. After discussion it was felt NI Water may be reluctant as it would likely have implications for other sites. I would have this conversation within the team.
- -Dfl Roads have asked if any new technical solutions has arisen in the last 6 year that would resolve this issue. I responded that NI Water were not aware of any.

Regards,

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