

Briefing note

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Scottish Water's investment and what it will involve

The key elements of the investment to connect the Ayrshire and Glasgow networks includes:

- The construction of a 10 mile-long strategic water main from Waulkmill Glen reservoir near Newton Mearns to the Fenwick/Waterside area.
- The construction of 13 miles of water mains from Fenwick/Waterside to a reservoir storage tank near Dundonald in South Ayrshire.
- The installation of six miles of water mains, and the upgrading of some existing mains, from the Pollok area to a reservoir storage tank in the south of Glasgow.

The investment also includes maintenance work on existing water mains in Ayrshire, including the clearance of trees and bushes growing over mains and tree root ingress, the improvement of pipe bridges and access to them, and some refurbishment and upgrading work at Bradan Water treatment Works, which will all help improve resilience during construction of the new water mains.

Our investment will enable us to transfer supply from three water treatment works in East Ayrshire and East Renfrewshire (Amlaird, Corsehouse and South Moorhouse) to the modern Milngavie Water Treatment Works and provide customers currently served by those facilities with clearer, fresher drinking water.

This part of the scheme will, in turn, enable Scottish Water to introduce a sustainable solution to issues with the raw water quality supply (before treatment) and reduce long-term costs to customers.

Amlaird Water Treatment Works in East Ayrshire serves more than 30,000 customers in the north of Kilmarnock and the Fenwick, Galston, Waterside, and Kilmaurs areas, as well as parts of Darvel and Newmilns

Corsehouse Water Treatment Works, also in East Ayrshire, serves more than 8000 people in the Stewarton, Dunlop, Fenwick and Lugton areas.

South Moorhouse Water Treatment Works in East Renfrewshire serves more than 18,000 customers in parts of the Newton Mearns, Giffnock and Merrylee areas.

In addition, the investment announced today includes the replacement of an existing stretch of strategic water main in the Irvine area with a new main on a new route for improved resilience and better maintenance access. More details of this will be confirmed in due course.

Caledonia Water Alliance (CWA), Scottish Water's alliance partners, will construct the 10 mile-long strategic water main from Waulkmill Glen reservoir near Newton Mearns to the Fenwick/Waterside area.

The contractors for the other water mains construction work have not yet been confirmed.

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