

## Welcome

Thank you for attending today's information event about our proposed investment on the sewer network in Cramond, Edinburgh.

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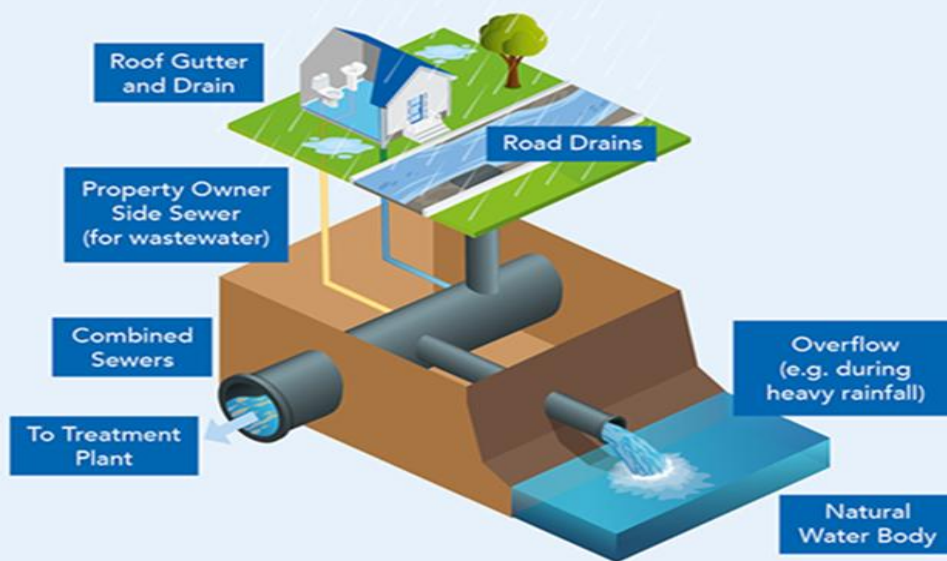
- Why the investment is needed
- What is proposed
- Where work is proposed to take place
- The approximate duration of the work
- How you can keep in touch



## Need for Investment

- **Cramond House, Davidson's Mains and Cramond Sewage Pumping Station (SPS) Storm Overflows all within the vicinity of Cramond promenade, have been identified as high priority sites for improvement or replacement by Scottish Water and SEPA.**
- **The main objective of the £8.6M investment is to improve the aesthetic quality of the discharge from the Storm Overflows by removing unpleasant odours and visible solids, improving the overall appearance.**
- **The existing Storm Overflows have a high-level spill pipe that discharges into the Firth of Forth. This has resulted in numerous complaints from members of the public regarding Sewer-Related Debris (SRD).**
- **The investment will help prevent SRD such as wet wipes from entering the environment during periods of rainfall.**

**What is a Storm Overflow (SO)?** A storm overflow is an essential part of the sewer network. It is a vital piece of infrastructure which acts as a relief point during heavy rainfall. They release predominantly rainwater- typically around 99% rainwater and 1% wastewater to prevent sewers from backing up and causing flooding to homes and streets.



## SO Myth Busters

- SOs are not pumping raw sewage into watercourses.
- Around 99% of the excess water is surface water from roads and roofs, along with “grey water”, which is wastewater from household or business appliances, sinks and showers. Only around 1% comes from our toilets.
- Scottish Water are granted licences by the Scottish Environment Protection Agency (SEPA) allowing them to operate storm overflows.
- Many factors contribute towards water quality, including pollution from agriculture, urban and industrial pollution, and private sewage systems.
- We cannot simply get rid of SOs – they are there to safely carry flood water away from homes, businesses and roads.

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# DRAINING THE RAIN



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Scotland's water quality is at its highest level for over 15 years with 87% of waterbodies now achieving a 'good' or 'excellent' classification.

We know our sewer network will continue to come under increasing pressure from the combination of climate change and people flushing inappropriate items down the toilet. That's why Scottish Water has targeted extra investment specifically in locations where every pound spent will deliver real benefits to communities and the environment.



Cramond Island

Did you know – Scottish Water's Improving Urban Waters Routemap has been developed and is available to view at [Scottishwater.co.uk](https://www.scottishwater.co.uk)



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## Location of Investment



**Cramond Storm Overflow (SO) Locations (Google Maps)**

**Cramond House Storm Overflow (SO)**

**Davidson's Mains Storm Overflow (SO)**

**Cramond SPS Storm Overflow (SO)**

**Total investment £ 8.6M.**

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## Who we are

Scottish Water is a publicly-owned company, responsible for providing water and wastewater services to millions of customers across the country.



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We work with trusted partners to deliver large scale investment.

Caledonia Water Alliance (CWA) will be the principal contractor for the work that is the focus of today's event.

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## Tree Clearance & Reinstatement Plan

There was a requirement to remove selected trees to allow for site investigation works to take place. This was carried out in February 2026 by Trees for Scotland.

We liaised directly with the Woodlands Group of Cramond where we offered the timber and chippings from the trees felled to use for habitat creation, path surfacing or any other woodland initiatives.

There is approx. 23 more trees that require to be removed for the installation of the Low Voltage (LV) cable which will power the storm overflow screens. These trees will be replaced at a ratio of 3:1 and consist of a similar mix of species with the exact location for replanting still to be confirmed.



## Project Scope – Cramond House

**We will construct a new storm overflow chamber to house a powered screen with some local sewer re-alignment work located east of Cramond House.**

**This will prevent any sewer related debris larger than 6mm from entering the environment during heavy rain when the overflow spills to prevent homes and businesses from flooding.**

**The positioning of the storm overflow at this location has negated the requirement for tree removal but has resulted in the need for planning approval for the work.**

**Works will start onsite July 2026. This programme of works is expected to be completed by Autumn 2027.**



## Project Scope – Davidson’s Mains

**We will construct a new storm overflow chamber to house a powered screen with some local sewer re-alignment work located east of Promenade Park.**

**This will prevent any sewer related debris larger than 6mm from getting into the environment during heavy rainfall, when the overflow is used to prevent homes and businesses from flooding.**

**Works will start onsite July 2026. This programme of works is expected to be completed by Autumn 2027.**



## Project Scope – Cramond SPS

We will install a new storm overflow chamber to house a powered screen located on the foreshore opposite the existing SPS.

This will prevent any sewer related debris larger than 6mm from entering the environment during heavy rain when the overflow spills to prevent homes and businesses from flooding.

Works will start onsite October 2026. This programme of works is expected to be completed by Autumn 2027.



## Key Project Programme Dates

### Start on site:

- **Cramond House & Davidson's Mains July 2026**
- **Cramond SPS October 2026**

**Completion on Site for all three projects is expected to be Autumn 2027.**

### Working hours:

- **Our normal working hours will be between 8am-6pm Monday to Friday.**
- **We may require to work additional hours including weekend working depending on the progress of the works.**
- **Overnight working will be required to carry out the final connections to existing infrastructure.**

**We will keep everyone updated.**

## Minimising the impact of the works

Scottish Water is working hard to future proof the wastewater services for Edinburgh. The proposed upgrade works will provide a huge benefit for the capital and the environment, now and for years to come. We appreciate that construction works of this nature can cause some disruption to the community going about their everyday lives. We would really appreciate your patience and ask for your understanding while our delivery team carry out these vital works as quickly and safely as possible. To help minimise any disruption as far as possible, we have planned various mitigation measures, including: -

**Noise** - Echo barriers will be placed around any generators to help reduce the noise impact.

**Pedestrian Access** – Pedestrian access will be maintained around our work.

**Site Compound** – Our site compound will be based in the field adjacent to Rhyze Mushrooms. (See below)



## Keeping in Touch

**Scottish Water and CWA are committed to keeping you and the local community fully informed and engaged with the work we are doing.**

**We hope today's event has given you an understanding of our plans and an opportunity to discuss any questions or concerns. Scottish Water is a publicly owned company, accountable to the Scottish Parliament and the people of Scotland. We operate within a strict policy and regulatory framework, but we are making this investment for our current and future customers in this area.**

**If you want to keep in touch as our project progresses, please visit: [www.scottishwater.co.uk/Cramond](http://www.scottishwater.co.uk/Cramond) or call our Customer Helpline on 0800 0778 778 quoting Capital/555141/Cramond House.**



## We welcome your feedback

### Cramond Community Event



Please scan the QR Code with  
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