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## Who we are

- One of 10 Water & Sewerage undertakers
- Since 2001, the UK's only nonshareholder utility company:
  - All gains go to customers
  - By 2015, some £300 million returned to customers
- Safe & reliable drinking water supply and deal effectively with wastewater for:
  - 1.4 million household customers
  - 110,000 business customers







# RainScape = separation of surface water runoff from combined sewers

- Safeguard our communities & the environment from impact of climate change and growth

### - Example Llanelli – What's the problem?

- Hills and mountains result in rapid surface water runoff
- Former industrial area: narrow terraced streets & little green space
- Sewer network dates from 19<sup>th</sup> century
- Sewer flooding and shellfish water quality concerns
- Conventional storage not technically feasible





# The Loughor Estuary



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# Our answer - RainScape

The Sustainable alternative

- Installing solutions across Llanelli based on international best practice
- Partnership and Customer communication critical
- Civil Engineering Project of the Year 2014 (British Construction Industry Awards)



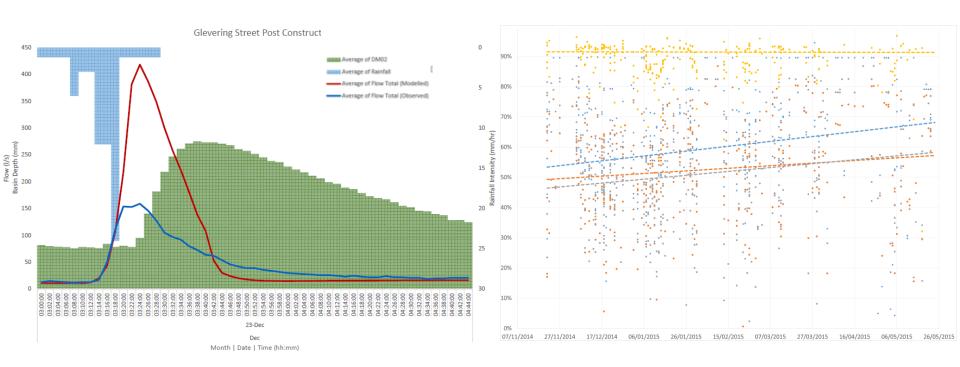








# **Performance monitoring**





# RainScape in Wales

- RainScape = sustainable service improvement
- £60m between 2015 to 2020
- Benefits local community
  - Environmental improvement and reduced sewage flooding;
  - Greener communities; enhanced biodiversity; reduced carbon footprint; better air quality.
  - Local community involved in developing schemes
     e.g. local schools





# **Customer focus**

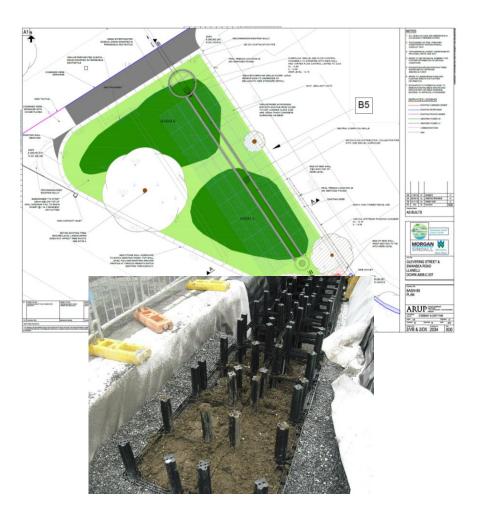






# **Flexibility**





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## **Working in partnership – Glevering Street**

# Ewrop & Chymru: Buddsoddi yn eich dyfodol Cronfa Datblygu Rhanbarthol Ewrop Europe & Wales: Investing in your future European Regional Development Fund

#### **Solution:**

- Range of elements, including basins, planters, grassed strips in rear lanes and kerb drainage
- All work done under agreement with the Highways
   Authority as we were working on their assets

#### **Ownership/Maintenance:**

- Assets vested with Carms Council
- Maintenance to be agreed

#### **Funding:**

Part funded by the European Regional Development
 Fund via Welsh Government







## Working in partnership - Excelsior St, Waunlwyd

#### **Solution:**

- Connect flows from former school into highway drain
- Connect land drainage into highway drain
- New foul only sewer and de-vest combined sewer
- New headwall and improvements to drainage ditch

#### **Ownership/Maintenance:**

- De-vested combined sewer, highway drainage, headwall and drainage ditch owned and maintained by Blaenau Gwent CBC
- New foul sewer owned and maintained by DCWW

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