



the voice of local government

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Dear Paul

**Water and Sewerage Services Bill**

During the NILGA evidence to Committee on 30 September, Mr Dallat and the Chairman had requested a view from local government in relation to the potential for NI Water to provide the necessary infrastructure to allow growth of villages and towns across Northern Ireland, rather than rely on developers.

NILGA is in the process of obtaining detailed background information on this issue from the Department, ahead of the first meeting of the local government member network on planning, which will bring together members from all 11 councils as described to the Committee on 30<sup>th</sup> September. The first meeting of this network will be on 25<sup>th</sup> November, when this query will be discussed. This will enable the development of a wider local government view to better inform the committee through local experience across Northern Ireland.

Please accept my apologies for the delay in coming back to the Committee on this; it is anticipated that a full response will be forwarded to you on or shortly after the 25<sup>th</sup> November. In the meantime, should you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'K Smyth'.

Karen Smyth  
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