



DWMP Glossary

Governmental, regulatory and statutory bodies we're working with

Acronym / phrase	In full	Explanation
BC	Borough Council	An elected local government body covering a smaller area than County Councils and are responsible for rubbish collection and recycling services, council tax collections, housing and planning applications.
CC	County Council	An elected governing body responsible for services across the whole of a county including education, transport, planning, fire and public safety, social care, libraries, waste management and trading standards.
CCW	Consumer Council for Water	CCW is the water industry watchdog for customers providing free advice and support on every aspect of water and sewerage services.
DC	District Council	District councils, which may also be called city councils if the district has city status, cover a much smaller area than County of Borough Councils and provide housing, leisure, recreation and environmental health services, planning applications and collect waste and local taxes.
Defra	Department for Environment, food and rural affairs	The government department responsible for environmental protection, food production and standards, agriculture, fisheries and rural communities in England and Northern Ireland.
DWI	Drinking Water Inspectorate	The DWI provides independent reassurance that public water supplies in England and Wales are safe and drinking water quality is acceptable to consumers.

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EA	Environment Agency	The non-departmental public body sponsored by Defra with responsibilities relating to the protection and enhancement of the environment in England.
LLFA	Lead Local Flood Authority	LLFAs are county councils and unitary authorities that ensure co-operation between the Risk Management Authorities in their area in managing local flood risks such as flooding from surface water, groundwater and small watercourses.
LPA	Local Planning Authority	The local planning authority is the planning department of a district or borough council. LPA responsibilities include producing a local plan, determining the outcomes of planning applications and enforcement of planning laws and regulations.
NE	Natural England	The government's adviser for the natural environment in England. It helps to protect and restore the natural world.
NFNPA	New Forest National Park Authority	The New Forest was designated a national park in 2005 to give its landscape the highest level of protection and to preserve it for the nation for generations to come.
NPA	National Park Authority	A National Park Authority is a statutory body first established under the National Parks and Access to the Countryside Act, 1949, to conserve and enhance the natural beauty, wildlife and cultural heritage of the area and promote recreational opportunities for the public.
Ofwat	Office for Water Services Regulation Authority	The water industry economic regulator which determines how much water companies can charge its customers to provide water and wastewater services.
RFCC	Regional Flood and Coastal Committee	RFCCs play an important role in helping to protect communities from flooding and coastal erosion. They help the Environment Agency and partners to understand local issues better, and to balance local and national priorities.

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SDNPA	South Downs National Park Authority	The South Downs was designated a national park in 2010 to preserve the special nature of the downs in one of the most crowded places in England. It is also the planning authority for the National Park.
UA	Unitary Authority	Unitary authorities are responsible for providing all local government services within a small county where division into districts would be impractical.
Water UK		Water UK is a representative body for all water companies in England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland and water industry regulators.