

0'Dowd announces £340,000 road improvement scheme for Henry Street / Gilmore Street, Ballymena

Infrastructure Minister John O'Dowd has announced that a £340,000 carriageway and footway resurfacing scheme on Henry Street / Gilmore Street, Ballymena will commence on Monday 2 September 2024.

Help shape future transport proposals in the North West

The Department for Infrastructure is working with the Derry City and Strabane District Council and others across the North West region to begin drafting proposals for the North West Transport Plan 2035. Everyone is encouraged to share their views at this early stage in the process.

Switchover date for new livestock identification tag codes extended

DAERA has extended the switchover date when 'UK' prefix livestock tags can no longer be used to 30 June 2025.

Omagh firm Lagan Energy expands to meet demand for its renewable engineering expertise

Economy Minister Conor Murphy has announced that Lagan Energy will grow its workforce by 70%, with 30 new roles over the next few years, as it continues

to expand its footprint in the global renewables sector.

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Responding to news that energy regulator Ofgem has raised the price cap by 9.5 per cent just before the onset of winter, Green Party co-leader Carla Denyer said:

“Consumers are paying high prices for a crisis not of their making. This will be deeply worrying news for all those people already struggling to pay their bills.

“The government has said that establishing GB Energy will reduce bills in the future, which would be welcome. However, that aim will only be achieved if the government invests in improving the energy efficiency of homes too.

“We need a nationwide programme of government-backed, council-delivered home insulation starting immediately to help people keep their bills down for good.

“We also now need the government to maintain the winter fuel payments for all pensioners and end means testing so that they know they can afford to keep warm.

“We could reduce bills for the long term and help reduce greenhouse gas emissions by building new homes that are easier and cheaper to heat and boosting insulation in existing homes. Insulating people’s homes means they can stay warm while using less energy, save money and produce fewer harmful carbon emissions.”

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