

Building Over a Public Sewer, Disposal Main or Drain

2.7 Q: Has the sewerage undertaker approved or been consulted about any plans to erect a building or extension on the property over or in the vicinity of a public sewer, disposal main or drain?

A: There are no records in relation to any approval or consultation about any plans to erect a building or extension on the property over or in the vicinity of a public sewer, disposal main or drain. However, the sewerage undertaker might not be aware of a building or extension on the property over or in the vicinity of a public sewer, disposal main or drain.

1. Buildings or extensions erected over a sewer in contravention of Building Control may have to be removed or altered.

2. From the 1st October 2011 private sewers, disposal mains and lateral drains were transferred into public ownership and the sewerage undertaker may not have been approved or consulted about any plans to erect a building or extension on the property or in the vicinity of these.

Risk of Flooding Due to Overloading Public Sewers

2.8 Q: Is any building which is or forms part of the property at risk of internal flooding due to overloaded public sewers?

A: The property is not recorded as being at risk of internal flooding due to overloaded public sewers. From the 1st October 2011 private sewers, disposal mains and lateral drains were transferred into public ownership. It is therefore possible that a property may be at risk of internal flooding due to an overloaded public sewer which the sewerage undertaker is not aware of. For further information it is recommended that enquiries are made of the vendor.

1. A sewer is "overloaded" when the flow from a storm is unable to pass through it due to a permanent problem (e.g. flat gradient, small diameter). Flooding as a result of temporary problems such as blockages, siltation, collapses and equipment or operational failures are excluded.

2. "Internal flooding" from the public sewers is defined as flooding, which enters a building or passes below a suspended floor. For reporting purposes, buildings are restricted to those normally occupied and used for residential, public, commercial, business or industrial purposes.

3. "At Risk" properties are those that the water company is required to include in the Regulatory Register that is reported annually to the Water Services Regulatory Authority. These are defined as properties that have suffered or are likely to suffer internal flooding from the public foul, combined or surface water sewers due to overloading of the sewerage system more frequently than the relevant reference period (either once or twice in ten years) as determined by the Sewerage Undertaker's reporting procedure.

4. Flooding as a result of storm events proven to be exceptional and beyond the reference period of one in ten years are not included on the At Risk register.

5. Properties may be at risk of flooding but not included on the Register where flooding incidents have not been reported to the Sewerage Undertaker.

6. Public Sewers are defined as those for which the Sewerage Undertaker holds statutory responsibility under the Water Industry Act 1991.

7. It should be noted that flooding can occur from private sewers and drains which are not the responsibility of the Sewerage Undertaker. This report excludes flooding from the private sewers and drains and the Sewerage Undertaker makes no comment upon this matter.

Sewerage Treatment Works

2.9 Q: Please state the distance from the property to the nearest boundary of the nearest sewage treatment works.

A: The nearest sewage treatment works is 1.7 kilometres East of the property. The name of the sewage treatment works is CLAPHAM WTW, which is responsibility of Southern Water Services, Southern House, Capstone Road, Chatham, Kent ME5 7QA company.

1. The nearest sewerage treatment works will not always be the sewerage treatment works serving the catchment within which the property is situated.

2. The Sewerage undertaker's records were inspected to determine the nearest sewerage treatment works.

3. It should be noted therefore that there may be private sewerage treatment works closer than the one detailed above that have not been identified.