

Drainage

Foul water

Q. 2.1: Does foul water from the property drain to a public sewer?

A.: Records indicate that foul water from the property drains to a public sewer.

Guidance Notes:

Water companies are not normally responsible for any private drains and sewers which connect the property to the public sewerage system, and do not hold details of these.

The property owner will normally have sole responsibility for private drains serving the property and may have shared responsibility, with other users, if the property is served by a private sewer which also serves other properties. These may pass through land outside of the control of the seller and the buyer may wish to investigate whether separate rights or easements are needed for their inspection, repair or renewal.

The copy extract will show known public sewers in the vicinity of the property. It should be possible to estimate the likely length and route of any private drains and/or sewers connecting the property to the public sewerage system.

If foul water does not drain to the public sewerage system the property may have private facilities in the form of a cesspit, septic tank or other type of treatment plant.

The connection status of the property may have been determined by reference to billing records.

Surface water

Q. 2.2: Does surface water from the property drain to a public sewer?

A.: Records indicate that surface water from the property drains to a public sewer.

Guidance Notes:

Water companies are not normally responsible for private drains and sewers that connect the property to the public sewerage system and do not hold details of these.

The property owner will normally have sole responsibility for private drains serving the property and may have shared responsibility, with other users, if the property is served by a private sewer which also serves other properties. These may pass through land outside of the control of the seller and the buyer may wish to investigate whether separate rights or easements are needed for their inspection, repair or renewal.

In some cases water company records do not distinguish between foul and surface water connections to the public sewerage system. If on inspection the buyer finds that the property is not connected for surface water drainage, the property may be eligible for a rebate of the surface water drainage charge. Details can be obtained from the Company.

The copy extract will show known public sewers in the vicinity of the property. It should be possible to estimate the likely length and route of any private drains and/or sewers connecting the property to the public sewerage system.

If surface water does not drain to the public sewerage system the property may have private facilities in the form of a soakaway or private connection to a watercourse.

The connection status of the property may have been determined by reference to billing records.