

Which **forms** do I need?

Adoption of an existing sewer:

If you would like Northern Ireland Water to adopt an existing sewer you will need to apply for an Article 159 Sewer Adoption. You will be asked to prove that the sewers have been properly designed, constructed and maintained, and are suitable for adoption as public sewers. Once Northern Ireland Water has adopted the sewers as public, they will be maintained at our expense. You must pay for all costs involved in inspecting the sewers and any remedial work required prior to adoption. Further information and an application form are available.

Adoption of a new sewer:

It is possible to arrange an agreement with Northern Ireland Water, prior to construction, for adoption of the sewers upon their satisfactory completion. You will need to apply for an Article 161 Sewer Adoption. When adopted, these sewers will become part of the Northern Ireland Water sewerage system and maintained at our expense.

Northern Ireland Water has a standard specification for "Sewers for Adoption". Further information and an application form are available.

Building over or near a public sewer:

If you are planning to do any construction work, such as a new housing development or a property extension, you will need to check the location of the public sewers with Northern Ireland Water. Should the location of a public sewer prevent land development or a property extension, it may be possible to build over the sewer subject to our approval. It is an offence to build over or near sewers without the consent of Northern Ireland Water. Further information and an application form are appended.

Realigning an existing sewer:

If the location of a public sewer prevents land development or property extension, it may be possible to divert the sewer, at your own expense, as part of an adoption agreement under (Article 161. Strategic sewers will be diverted by Northern Ireland Water if reasonable on a rechargeable basis. Further information and an application form are appended.

Requisition of a sewer:

If you have a site with no means of drainage to an existing public sewer due to the intervention of third party land, we will under an Article 154 Requisition provide a foul and/or surface water sewer to serve the site. You will be required to contribute towards the cost of the works. The charge is dependent upon a number of factors including sewer cost, the number of houses served and how quickly the houses are occupied. Further information and an application form are appended.

Connecting to a public sewer:

If you would like to connect new or existing properties to Northern Ireland Water's public sewerage system, for both foul and surface water (rainwater), you will need to apply for an Article 163 Sewer Connection. The connections can be made by your choice of competent contractor however Northern Ireland Water must inspect the connection. Further information and an application form are appended.

Sewer Adoption – Existing Private Sewers for Adoption

The adoption of private existing sewers is dealt with under Article 159 of the Water and Sewerage Services (Northern Ireland) Order 2006.

Persons who wish to pursue this option should read the guidance notes that have been produced to assist those proposing to offer such sewers for adoption.

You should contact the regional Infrastructure Manager to discuss your proposals at an early opportunity.

Trade Effluent Requirement

If your business produces effluent other than domestic, such as discharge, from a trade or industry you will be required to make a separate application for connection to the public sewerage system. There will be a charge for this service.