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Application Approval of Sewers and Facilities in New Development

Approval process for Article 161 Applications.

Applicants must apply via the NI Water Self Service Portal (Portal) for drainage approval (Article 161) No hard copies will be accepted.

Consent to Connect drainage to a public sewer is subject to an authorised Article 161 Agreement.

Customer submits Article 161 application for assessment. Application receives a high level triage assessment & only if all mandatory info has been provided, NI Water will request payment of application fee.

Upon payment the application will be assigned to a Technical Advisor, who will liaise with the applicant via the Portal until the drainage design meets the current Specification, on clarification of all queries and receipt of all necessary documentation Technical Advisor checks all submitted information.

Article 161 Agreement prepared and forwarded to the applicant via the Portal. Article 161 is mandatory and all parties must follow the notifications for signature(s) / payments issued via the Portal. Once associated personnel have completed their notified request, NI Water will authorise the Article 161 Agreement.

A notification will be issued via the Portal that the Article 161 Agreement has been authorised. No hard copies will be issued.