

# Pre-Development Enquiry

All applications MUST include a Site Location Plan 1:2500 map (LPS ACE map will suffice) with the site boundary clearly indicated in red and relative to an existing feature. Any other land owned by the applicant should be shown with a blue line around its boundaries, and if a public right of way exists within or adjoining the site, it should be outlined in green. The 12 figure OS Grid Reference of the approximate mid point of the site is also required to allow the location to be accessed quickly and to avoid confusion when viewing on our map server.

## Stage 1 – Pre-Development Enquiry

This is a simple check that will identify whether the required capacity is available adjacent or close to the proposed development. Should capacity not be available, you will be provided with either:

- a) an indication of the nearest point at which capacity is available, or
- b) confirmation of whether there is a simple solution available which will provide the necessary capacity. The Pre-Development Enquiry is a desktop study and may not necessarily provide an identified solution for servicing the proposed development site, but generally provides guidance as to how the proposed site could be serviced by applying information readily to hand. Where we are unable to identify a simple solution you will be notified of the option of undertaking a Network Capacity Check.

## Network Capacity Check (There may be a charge for this service).

Northern Ireland Water provides an optional Network Capacity Check service to assist developers in identifying any possible constraints that may be associated with servicing a development site. The Network Capacity Check, which involves hydraulic or network modelling, can assist developers in understanding the potential costs and timescales involved in servicing a site prior to land acquisition or the submission of a planning application. Capacity Checks are available for both water and wastewater systems. The results of the Capacity Checks are for information only and should not be regarded as an approval or rejection of your proposals.

This is a more comprehensive service. In addition to identifying the nearest point of available capacity (as per the Pre-Development Enquiry), this service will identify the preferred solution for servicing the site. For example, detailed investigations will be undertaken to determine whether any upgrading works will allow a local connection rather than the provision of off-site infrastructure.

If we are unable to do this you will be contacted and given the reason why. Where it is necessary to carry out a full foul water pumping station survey, an assessment of the wastewater treatment capacity or an odour assessment to determine the allowable development boundaries, additional fees may be applied.

Should you wish to take advantage of this service, please complete the Pre-Development Enquiry (PDE) application form and forward with the appropriate fee to the address below. You will be notified if NI Water determines that a Network Capacity Check is required.

## On completion please return the full application form to:

**Developer Services Coordination Team**

**Northern Ireland Water**

**Ballykeel Office**

**188 Larne Road**

**Ballykeel**

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**Co Antrim BT42 3HA**

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