

Application Approval and Adoption of Sewers and Facilities in New Housing Developments

Approval process for Article 161 Applications

Applicants must apply to NI Water Developer Services for drainage approval SA1-161

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

Customer submits Article 161 application SA1-161 for assessment. Developer Services Technical Assessor assesses drainage submission and clarify queries with the applicant.

Upon submission of drainage details in accordance with the current Specification, clarification of queries and receipt of all necessary documentation Technical Assessor calculates bond and fees.

Article 161 Agreement prepared and forwarded to the applicant. Article 161 is mandatory and must be returned to **Ballykeel Office** along with fees and Bond security.

Article 161 Agreement returned to NI Water, authorised and a copy sent out to the applicant.

Where there is a cash bond the agreement will not be released until the cheque has cleared.

Developer may apply for 50% Bond reduction Application SA50%-A161 (there is no charge for this application) apply only if:-

- The sewers are constructed to approval standard (50% reduction will not be considered for sites with a WWPS or WWTW's)
- CCTV survey completed (paid for by developer)
- Assessment of CCTV survey and site visit by Technical Assessor to confirm bond reduction is applicable

NI Water release 50% bond

Developer applies for 70% Bond reduction-Preliminary Completion application SA2-A161 (there is a charge for this application) the following is a requirement:-

- The sewers constructed to approval standard
- Receipt of 'as built' drgs
- CCTV survey completed
- Site inspected by Technical Assessor to confirm bond reduction is applicable when all defects are addressed (if applicable)
- Commencement of land transfer where there is a WWPS/WWTW's

NI Water release 70% bond (20% if 50% has previously been released)

12 month maintenance period begins from date of Preliminary Completion

Developer applies for 30% Bond reduction-Final Adoption application SA3-A161 (there is no charge for this application) the following is a requirement:-

- Sewers constructed to approval standard
- Receipt of 'as built' drgs
- CCTV survey completed (paid for by developer) to address defects identified by Technical Assessor at Preliminary Completion stage
- Site visit by Technical Assessor to confirm bond reduction is applicable when all defects identified at Preliminary Completion are completed
- WWPS or WWTW's land transfer complete

NI Water release remaining bond

NI Water issue Final Adoption certificate, sewers and WWPS/WWTW's transfer to the ownership of NI Water Developers liability ends

PROCESS COMPLETE

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