

# Application for minor sewer diversion under Section 185 of the Water Industry Act 1991

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**Please note:** the fees listed in this form are fixed until **31 March 2026**. You can find the most up-to-date version of this form at [yorkshirewater.com/developers/sewerage/sewer-diversions/](https://yorkshirewater.com/developers/sewerage/sewer-diversions/)

**This application form should be used if you are proposing reasonable minor sewer diversion works under Section 185 of the Water Industry Act 1991, where the Developer has prior approval from Yorkshire Water that they themselves can carry out the works.**

Where a public sewer crosses the site, the developer may request for us to undertake a reasonable diversion of it. Sometimes we will let the developer carry out the work with our inspector monitoring it. All costs involved are payable by the developer.

**No alteration to the public sewer network can be made until the signed agreement is in place.**

On submission of this application form, please ensure that you attach all technical details and detailed plans required to support your application.

Any proposed works need to be overseen by one of our site inspectors and we require five working days notice to allow an appointment to be made through our dedicated scheduler.

Please ensure you provide a covering letter with your application detailing any site specific information.

We're happy to offer you technical advice on any prospective sites where you may need assets to be diverted, before you submit your application. Please contact us by phone or email if you would like a pre-design discussion about your proposals.

**The information you provide will be used solely in accordance with Yorkshire Water's [Privacy Policy](#). Please be aware, we may contact you to seek feedback on your experience with this service.**

## The fees for minor sewer diversions are as follows:

There are two means by which a minor sewer diversion Agreement can be prepared:

- Exchange of Letters - where the works constructed by the developer are within the site boundary, the pipe is not a critical sewer and a cash bond is requested; or
- Formal Agreement - where the works constructed by the developer leave the site boundary and / or the pipe is a critical sewer and / or a Surety Bond is requested. Additional legal fees will be incurred.

Technical Assessment Fees - 5% of the construction costs of the works or a minimum of £1,900.00 will be invoiced on receipt of a £185 application. The balance of the fees will be invoiced at acceptance of the proposals.

Additional Assessment - £180.00 per hour

A bond (Cash or Surety) is applicable which is equal to 100% (minimum of £10,000.00) of the total cost of construction of the works and will be held until the works are complete. 90% of the cash bond will be repaid with the issue of the Provisional Certificate (minimum £10,000.00 retained). On completion of the 12-month maintenance period, the remaining cash bond will be repaid.

**All fees will be invoiced direct to the developer unless otherwise stated.**

**Please await invoice before making payment.**

## What happens next?

You will receive an acknowledgement letter within seven calendar days confirming receipt of your application.

The Senior Engineer will undertake an initial assessment of the application within seven calendar days from receipt of an application. A response will be issued to the applicant to confirm if the application is complete or to request further information, to allow a full assessment to be undertaken. Please be aware that Yorkshire Water has the right to reject incomplete applications.

A full technical assessment will be made within 28 calendar days of receipt of a complete application.

Any resubmissions will be responded to within 14 calendar days of receipt of additional information.

## Completing your application form

This application form and supporting information must be submitted in paper copies by post, delivered by hand or can be sent electronically to [technical.sewerage@yorkshirewater.co.uk](mailto:technical.sewerage@yorkshirewater.co.uk)

You may also apply online at [developerservices.yorkshirewater.com/sign-up-sign-in](https://developerservices.yorkshirewater.com/sign-up-sign-in)

Please complete in **BLOCK CAPITALS** using blue or black ink or enter your details below electronically.

### 1. About you

Are you the    Developer    Designer    Other (please specify)

Your name

Your company's name

Your company address

Postcode

Telephone number

E-mail address

## 2. Details of the site

Site Address

Postcode (nearest)

Grid reference: Easting (6 figures)

Grid reference: Northing (6 figures)

Site contact

Telephone number

E-mail address

## 3. Minor sewer diversion works details

What type of sewer are you proposing to divert?   Foul   Surface Water   Combined

Length of sewer diversion (in metres)

Existing diameter (in mm)

Proposed diameter (in mm)

Existing capacity

Proposed capacity

Are there any existing connections to the diverted sewer that will need to be picked up?

Are all diversion works within land owned by the developer?

Are plastic pipes proposed as part of the diversion?   Yes   No

## 4. Construction Design and Management Regulations 2015 (CDM 2015)

Principal Designer Name

Principal Designer Address

Postcode

Telephone number

E-mail address

If the project is notifiable you will need to provide a copy of F10 notification issued to the HSE.

## 5. Minor S185 Agreement Details

Are all diversion works within land owned by the developer?    Yes    No

Please note a full Legal Agreement may be required which may incur additional fees.

Unless specifically requested, all Exchange of Letters Agreements will be issued and signed electronically.

### The developer

Name

Address

Postcode

Telephone number

E-mail address

### The payee (if other than the developer)

Name

Address

Postcode

Telephone number

E-mail address

### The landowner

Name

Address

Postcode

Telephone number

E-mail address

### The adjoining landowner (if there are more adjoining landowners please provide details)

Name

Address

Postcode

Telephone number

E-mail address

**The contractor**

Name

Address

Postcode

Telephone number

E-mail address

**6. Bond requirements**

A bond will be required to progress the diversion process

Surety (Formal Legal Agreement Required)      Cash Bond (Exchange of Letters Agreement)

The individual/company named in this application is the party liable for payment of the cash bond. In turn, any repayment due will be made to the original payee named on the cash bond.

**The Surety (in lieu of cash bond)**

Name

Address

Postcode

Telephone number

E-mail address

**The Solicitor (if Surety proposed)**

Name

Address

Postcode

Telephone number

E-mail address

## 7. Submission Requirements

Please tick if provided.

### Developer programme of works:

Estimated start date | |  
 Cost estimate for construction costs of sewer diversion

### Location plan showing:

Site boundary edged in green  
 The OS benchmark details used for level data  
 GPS details where levels established by this method

### Site plan showing:

Site boundary edged in green  
 Roads  
 Sewers to be abandoned (shown green and crossed), Sewer diversion route (shown purple with correct line type)  
 To include pipe material, size, gradient and direction of flow (if applicable)  
 Road gullies/highway drains (not coloured) (if applicable)  
 Watercourses  
 Site contours  
 Outfalls/headwalls (if required)  
 North point  
 Actual OS grid references  
 Proposed buildings  
 Ground floor levels  
 Contaminated land reports (required if plastic pipes proposed)  
 Existing trees and proposed landscaping

### Health and Safety

F10 Notice  
 Health and Safety document

### Construction details:

Manholes  
 Outfall structures (if required)  
 Special manholes (if required)

### Longitudinal sections showing existing (sewers to be abandoned) and proposed (diverted sewers):

Existing levels  
 Proposed cover and invert levels  
 Pipe diameters  
 Bedding classification and details  
 Pipe material  
 Pipe strength  
 Pipe lengths  
 Pipe gradients  
 Existing services

### Hydraulic design calculations:

Foul water (where required)  
 Surface water  
 1 in 1 or 1 in 2 showing no surcharge  
 1 in 30 showing no flooding  
 Impermeable area plan (including key)  
 Design parameters used

### Manhole schedules showing existing (manholes to be abandoned) and proposed (diverted sewers):

Cover and invert level  
 Manhole type  
 Cover type and size  
 Chamber size and depth

### Camera survey showing:

Camera survey of existing sewer to be abandoned  
 Accompanying written survey report and plan  
 1 paper copy of each detailed drawing

8. Declaration

I request that Yorkshire Water process my application based on the information I have provided and confirm all information is correct to the best of my knowledge.

I understand that any abortive time spent by Yorkshire Water in checking an incomplete and / or incorrect submission will be recharged to the developer as set out in our Charging Arrangements.

I agree that Yorkshire Water may use the supporting information provided for any purpose connected with this application and with the company’s statutory Sewerage and Water undertakings.

I can confirm that this application has been checked by ourselves as the Designer / Developer, is complete and complies with the Design and Construction Guidance, Local Practices and Technical Standards contained within the Code for Adoption.

If the site is progressed through to a legal agreement, the developer will be liable for the assessment costs incurred up to this point.

I understand that the minimum fee of £1,900.00 will be charged if you decide not to progress the application.

By ticking this box I agree to the above declaration

Print name

Date

Form fields for name and date

Position in company



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[technical.sewerage@yorkshirewater.co.uk](mailto:technical.sewerage@yorkshirewater.co.uk)

**Or you can post it to:**  
Developer Services  
Yorkshire Water Services Ltd  
PO Box 52  
Bradford BD3 7YD

## If you need to get in touch



**Call the Developer Services team on 0345 1 20 84 82**

Our Developer Services office is open Monday to Friday 8am-5pm.



**Visit our website [yorkshirewater.com/developers/](http://yorkshirewater.com/developers/)**



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## Other useful numbers

**Contact centre**

**0345 1 24 24 24**

(billing enquiries)

**Asian language**

**0345 1 24 24 21**

**Text telephone/minicom**

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**0345 1 24 72 47**

(meter readings and payments)

**Fax number**

**01274 372 800**

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