

Application for a major sewer diversion/ alteration (developer led) under Section 185 of the Water Industry Act 1991

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1. Download the PDF to your PC (Save it locally, for example on your desktop)
2. Open it using [Adobe Acrobat Reader](#), and fill it out
3. Save the completed version
4. Email it to us at technical.sewerage@yorkshirewater.co.uk

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/

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This application form should be used if you are proposing reasonable major sewer diversion or alteration 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.

If the diversion works are crossing third party land, the adjacent landowners will have to be party to the S185 legal agreement.

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.

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

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.

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

The fees for major sewer diversions/alterations are as follows:

Formal Legal Agreement

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 S185 application. The balance of the fees will be invoiced at acceptance of the proposals.

Technical Assessment Structural Check — £4,465.00 / £180.00 per hour administration charge

Camera Survey (Review of Report) — £350.00 / £180.00 per hour

Additional Assessment — £180.00 per hour

A bond (Cash or Surety) will be required to cover 100% of the cost of construction of the major sewer diversionary works (minimum of £10,000.00) 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 directly 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

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)

Northing (6 figures)

Site contact

Telephone number

E-mail address

Is the site subject to a S104 Agreement? Yes No

If yes, please provide H reference number

3. Major 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?

Yes No

Are plastic pipes proposed as part of the diversion?

Yes No

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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 the F10 notification issued to the HSE.

5. Major S185 Agreement Details

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

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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 Cash Bond

If a Surety is proposed, this will require a Formal Legal 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
and 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

Longitudinal sections showing existing (sewer to be abandoned) and proposed (diversion):

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 (diversion):

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

Construction details:

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

Health and Safety:

F10 Notice
Health and Safety document
Method Statement of contractor
Risk Assessment
Streetworks Authorisation

Camera survey showing:

Camera survey of existing sewer
to be abandoned
Accompanying written survey report and plan
One 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 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

Position in company

Please email this completed form to:
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/



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