

# Application for first time sewerage under Section 101a of the Water Industry Act 1991

## Filling out this form

**This form can't be filled out online, so before you start to complete it, please make sure you follow these steps:**

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

**This application form should only be used by individual (or groups of) householders if you would like to request for Yorkshire Water to assess whether a duty exists to provide public sewerage under Section 101a of the Water Industry Act 1991.**

A duty under the Act only applies if two or more existing domestic premises are found to cause adverse effects and the provision of a public foul sewer for domestic purposes is the most appropriate solution.

Please be aware that the Act applies to foul water sewers only. Surface water drainage is the responsibility of the homeowner.

The local parish or District Council's Environmental Health Department can also make an application on behalf of the whole community.

On submission of this application form, please ensure that you attach all relevant documentation to support your application.

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

If a duty exists, each owner wishing to connect to the foul water sewer will have to submit a [sewer connection \(S106\) application](#), and will be added to the Yorkshire Water billing system.

**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.**

## What happens next?

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

We will undertake an initial assessment of your application and provide you with a response within four months, or longer if the site is complex.

If we require clarification on the information provided or further information to assist us in making a full assessment, we will be in touch during this period.

We may require a site visit within this initial assessment period to support your application and will make contact with you to arrange this.

## 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)

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

### 1. About you

Individual householder	Representative for a group of householders
Environmental Health representative	Environment Agency representative
Other (please specify)	

Title                      Name

Name of body (if applicable)

House number/name

Street    Town

City    Postcode

Telephone number

E-mail address

### 2. Details of the site

Name of village/town    Postcode

How many premises have domestic sewage disposal systems that are considered to cause adverse effects upon the environment and/or local amenity?

- Number of premises  
(this figure should correspond with the number of individual premises listed in Section 3 of this form)

Please provide a map showing the location of all premises included in Section 3 of this form (Ordnance Survey based)

Yes      No

Have any alternative drainage solutions already been explored?      Yes      No

If yes, please provide a brief summary, including quotes received and scope of works proposed

## 3. Property and applicant details

Please ensure you list all properties (and applicant details) with unsatisfactory drainage arrangements causing environmental and/or local amenity problems in the table below

Name of owner/occupier of property	Address and postcode of property	Type of existing disposal facility (i.e. septic tank, cesspool etc)	Reason for application (i.e. health, amenity, environmental etc)
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### 4. Reasons for requesting first time sewerage

Please describe why the present drainage arrangements are unsatisfactory and the reasons why you believe a connection of the premises to a public sewer is necessary (i.e. health, environmental, amenity issues etc)?

Please itemise below any documents that you have enclosed in support of your application. As part of our assessment, Yorkshire Water will consult with the local District Council's Environmental Health Department and the Environment Agency but any authoritative letters/documents you have received to date will be helpful.

Please also include any cost estimates for alternative drainage solutions that have already been explored.

## 5. Existing drainage arrangement

### Foul Drainage

Septic tank      Cesspit/Cesspool      Private treatment plant

Other (please provide details)

How many properties are these serving?

If you have a septic tank/cesspit, please provide the following information

Age      Capacity (gallons/litres)      Construction material

How often is the tank emptied (weeks/months)?

General condition (Good/Minor defects/Poor)

Where is the foul drainage discharging to?

Is the discharge point in third party land?      Yes      No

If yes, who is the landowner?

What are the ground conditions like in the vicinity of the existing drainage system?

Have any concerns over the existing drainage arrangements been raised to date with any authoritative body?      Yes      No

If yes, which authoritative body and what was the date?

### Existing Surface Water Drainage

Where does the existing surface water drain to?

No formal system      To soakaways      To septic tank/cesspit

To separate piped system discharging to ditch/watercourse

Other (please provide details)

Please provide a rough sketch of the existing drainage arrangement for all the properties included in the application. Please highlight the type of sewerage disposal facility at each property as well as the discharge point.

If you have a detailed plan, then please attach this to the application.

### 6. Evidence of existing asset maintenance

Please provide details of the existing asset maintenance arrangements you have in place i.e. cleansing regime.

7. 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 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.

By ticking this box I agree to the above declaration

Print name

Date



**Please email this completed form to:**  
[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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**Write to us**

Yorkshire Water Services Ltd, PO Box 52, Bradford, BD3 7YD

## Other useful numbers

**Contact centre**

**0345 1 24 24 24**

(billing enquiries)

**Asian language**

**0345 1 24 24 21**

**Text telephone/minicom**

**0345 1 24 24 23**

**24 hour automated services**

**0345 1 24 72 47**

(meter readings and payments)

**Fax number**

**01274 372 800**

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