

Application for sewer closure (S116)

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If you'd like to complete this application form online, please log in to our online portal:
developerservices.yorkshirewater.com/sign-up-sign-in

To fill out this PDF application form, please open and complete it using [Adobe Acrobat Reader](#) and email your completed application to technical.sewerage@yorkshirewater.co.uk

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

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

Please confirm you can provide the following documents with your application:

Existing site layout, including any sewers, lateral drains or manholes/gullies within the site boundary

Camera survey and written report on the public sewer system and any private drainage connections

Method Statement and Risk Assessment detailing how you'll remove/decommission the sewer network

Initial information and terms and conditions

Your application for a sewer closure

This is an application for sewer closure or abandonment. If you need to abandon or remove a sewer to make way for a new development, you must send us an application under section 116 of the Water Industry Act 1991 so that we can make sure the sewer is no longer needed.

Once we've approved your application, you are responsible for arranging the sewer closure and abandonment works with a suitably qualified drainage contractor. Our inspector will monitor the work to make sure it's carried out to the required standard. Please call 0345 1 20 84 82 (Option 1) to arrange for the inspector to visit your site before you start to excavate and remove the public sewer.

Our preferred method for abandoning a sewer is for it to be removed from the ground or grouted, together with any redundant chambers.

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.

How long will it take to get a response?

We aim to send you confirmation that we've received your application within **5 calendar days**. Once we receive your completed application and payment, we'll do a technical assessment and aim to issue a response within **14 calendar days**.

What fee do you need to pay for this application?

Item	Charge	What the charge covers	When you need to pay
Application for sewer closure	£690	The cost of processing the application and providing a technical assessment	Upfront on submission of your application

If we need to carry out additional assessment (for complex sites, for example), there is an additional charge of £180 per hour.

How to pay

Choose your payment method below

Credit/debit card - we'll contact you on the phone number you provide in this application to arrange payment over the phone.

BACS - to pay by BACS, the details are **sort code:** 57-49-55; **account number:** 11111111

Cheque - please enclose a cheque payable to 'Yorkshire Water Services Ltd.' with your application.

Credit/debit card

BACS

Cheque

(please include your site post code / BACS reference)

As the applicant, you are responsible for the payment of any cost associated with this application.

If you're filling out a paper copy, please complete in **BLOCK CAPITALS** using blue or black ink.

1. Your details

Are you a Developer Landowner Builder Consultant/Agent Other

If other, please specify

Full name

Company name (if any)

Company number (if any)

Phone number

Email address

Address

Town/City

Post code

Landowner/Developer details (if different from the above)

Full name

Company name (if any)

Company number (if any)

Phone number

Email address

Address

Town/City

Post code

Can you confirm that the landowner/developer consents to this application? Yes No

Site contact details

Are the site contact details different from the contact details you've given us above? Yes No

If yes, please provide the details of your site contact below

Site contact name

Site contact phone number

Site contact email address

Drainage contractor

Have you appointed a drainage contractor yet? Yes No

If yes, who is your drainage contractor?

2. Site details

Site address (or closest existing address)

Address

Address line 2

Address line 3

Town/City

Post code

Grid reference (centre of site): Easting

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Please give a brief description of the proposed sewer closure/abandonment works, including how you intend to abandon the pipes and manholes, and how you will terminate the connection to the public sewer

Please ensure you provide a **camera survey and report** to verify the size and location of any possible connections to the public sewer and to prove the sewer is no longer needed. You may also need to carry out a survey of any private drainage which may connect to this length of sewer.

Please also provide a **Method Statement and a Risk Assessment** for approval 14 days prior to the survey being carried out.

3. 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, including sharing information with its service partner.

I am applying as the applicant or their representative and, by doing so, agree that I will be liable for the payment of any cost associated with this application.

By ticking this box I agree to the above declaration

Print name

Position in company

Date / /

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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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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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