

STANDING ADVICE FOR SINGLE DOMESTIC PROPERTIES IN RURAL AREAS SEEKING CONNECTION TO WATERMAIN.

This Standing Advice is only applicable to rural single domestic properties where the proposal only requires a water connection from an existing public watermain.

If your proposed domestic dwelling is in an urban area or in an area with NI Water foul sewer you will need to engage with NI Water around waste water capacity. Information can be found at <https://www.niwater.com/services-for-developers/pre-development-enquiry/single-unit-developments/>

Please note the following:

- The onus is on the householder/developer to find out if there is existing NI Water infrastructure located within their proposed site. This can be done by applying for a records request. Copies of NI Water records are supplied under Articles 257 and 258 of the Water and Sewerage Services (Northern Ireland) Order 2006. There is a nominal charge for this service. Guidance notes and application form can be downloaded from <https://www.niwater.com/services-for-developers/single-unit-developments/pre-planning/record-requests/>
- It is an offence under Article 236 of the Water and Sewerage Services (Northern Ireland) Order 2006, to build over or near NI Water infrastructure or associated works owned and maintained by NI Water unless with the prior consent of NI Water. Where existing NI Water infrastructure is located within your proposed site and your proposed dwelling interferes with this infrastructure you may make a Notice under Article 247 of the 2006 Order to have the public infrastructure diverted / realigned. Each diversion and realignment request is considered on its own merit and approval is at the discretion of NI Water. The applicant is required to meet any financial conditions for realignment or diversion of the infrastructure, including full costs, company overheads, etc. Guidance notes and application form can be downloaded from <https://www.niwater.com/services-for-developers/single-unit-developments/close-proximity/watermain/near/>

- If your proposed development is not near an existing public watermain you may wish to consider making a Requisition Notice requesting NI Water to extend the existing public watermain network to service your development. This can be done by requisitioning a watermain under Article 76 of the 2006 Order. House builders and developers may have to contribute to the cost of extending watermains. Guidance notes and application form can be downloaded from <https://www.niwater.com/services-for-developers/single-unit-developments/water-services/watermain-requisition/>
- As your proposed property will require a new connection to the public watermain you will need to make a formal application. This is a digital application process. Information on how to apply and the steps involved can be found at <https://www.niwater.com/services-for-developers/single-unit-developments/water-services/new-water-connections/landing/>
- As your proposal is for a single rural domestic dwelling in an area where there are no existing NI Water sewers available, it is assumed that any foul sewage generated by your proposal will be dealt with by means of a septic tank or other private treatment facility. NI Water do not provide approval for septic tanks but does offer a free annual de-sludging service. Please note, in order to avail of this service, the lorry tanker route to the septic tank must have a clear pathway, 3.5m width, no overhead obstructions and no sloping pathways. Gates must be open. There also must be an all-weather parking area, within 30m of the tank, to support the weight of 18 tonne tanker lorry and working conditions must be safe. Further information including How to Register and De-sludge Request can be found at <https://digitalservices.niwater.com/>

- In the event you are unable to locate the relevant information on our website, please contact NI Water Developer Services Customer Engagement Team on **03458 770 003** or Customerengagementteam@niwater.com