



BUILDING NEAR TO UN-MAPPED PUBLIC SEWERS

With effect from 1st October 2011, sections of sewer pipes or drains which are shared with another person's property, or run through another person's land and which had been privately owned were transferred by legislation to become "public sewers" which are owned and maintained by the sewerage companies. (Details of the changes can be found at [Southern Water's website](#))

The location of these newly adopted sewers will not be shown on the official "map of sewers" and their position in relation to proposed building projects will be largely unknown. Consequently, applicants will not be alerted of these sewers by the usual consultations with the sewer authority which take place when proposals are being considered for planning permission or Building Regulations purposes.

If you suspect your proposal may involve a public sewer in either of the following ways, you should consult the relevant sewer authority BEFORE commencing construction work to minimise any potential delays;

- 1) Your proposal involves building over, or within 3 metres of, a public sewer, or
- 2) You wish to make a connection to, or alter the pipework or access to, a public sewer

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