

Surface Water to Combined Sewer PDE Guide

Relevant Application Types: Pre-Development Enquiry, Exceptions: Property Extensions

This guide outlines the minimum submission requirements to rule out a surface water outfall to a watercourse or surface water sewer within a pre-development enquiry (PDE), and evidence that will be required to accept justifications outlined in our [Surface Water Policy](#).

If you indicate in your PDE that you propose to discharge surface water to the combined sewer network, you will be required give evidence as to why an outfall to our preferred options; surface water sewer or watercourse is not reasonably practical.

Please note: surface water connections are not approved within a PDE capacity response. Should the only reasonably practical solution be an outfall to the combined sewer, full assessment of zero-net detriment/betterment and preferred options will be carried out in accordance with our Surface Water Policy as part of your sewer connection application.

If your PDE is in relation to a single house domestic extension, this guidance does not apply, see our **Surface Water to Combined Sewer Domestic Extension Guide**.

No alternative option to discharge to Watercourse or Surface water Sewer Submission Requirements

Identify the most feasible options	
Consideration of alternative routes (if appropriate)	
Consideration of onsite redesign to allow gravity connection (if appropriate)	
Confirmation of 3 rd party land constraints (if necessary)	
Topographical surveys/long sections/flooding risks (if appropriate)	

Please Note –

1. As per our hierarchy of options outlined in the Surface Water Policy, discharging to a watercourse is preferred over a connection to a surface water sewer and,
2. Connection to a public surface water sewer >50m in length, that connects into a combined sewer, is preferable to a connection directly into the combined network. Zero-net volumetric detriment and appropriate attenuation are required for a connection to any surface water sewer, that subsequently discharges to the combined sewer.

*HUE = Housing Unit Equivalent of the development

Justification Provided	HUE	Required Evidence
It is not reasonably practicable to construct an outfall to a watercourse, canal, loch or SUDS. (Note – additional funding may be available where the offsite	<10	Distance to WC/ SWS is >50m. If distance is <50m, Where outfall is not practical due to service clashes/obstructions*, evidenced section drawings to demonstrate this must be provided.



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<p>sewer and/or SUDS can be designed to provide additional capacity for future development identified within the current Local Development Plan);</p>	<p>10-25</p>	<p>Distance to WC/ SWS is >50m. Evidence will be required to support justification and whether the connection is reasonably practical is at the discretion of the case owner.</p>
		<p>Where outfall is not practical due to significant infrastructure clashes*, evidenced section drawings to demonstrate this must be provided.</p>
	<p>26-50</p>	<p>Distance to WC/ SWS is >100m. Evidence will be required to support justification and whether the connection is reasonably practical is at the discretion of the case owner.</p>
		<p>Where outfall is not practical due to significant infrastructure clashes*, evidenced section drawings to demonstrate this must be provided.</p>
		<p>No distance rule. Evidence will be required to support justification and whether the connection is reasonably practical is at the discretion of the case owner and relevant Team Leader.</p>
	<p>>50</p>	<p>Where outfall is not practical due to significant infrastructure clashes*, evidenced section drawings to demonstrate this must be provided.</p>
<p>Pumping would be required to drain surface water to a watercourse, canal, loch or SUDS</p>	<p>All</p>	<p>Topography, site investigation and section drawings to be provided.</p>
<p>The discharge would result in an unacceptable increase in the risk of flooding.</p>	<p>All</p>	<p>DIA required</p>

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