

Consultation on automatic adoption arrangements for new foul sewers and lateral drains and National Build Standards for new gravity foul sewers and lateral drains

1. I am writing to invite views on a consultation on automatic adoption arrangements for new foul sewers and lateral drains and National Build Standards for new gravity foul sewers and lateral drains.
2. The following documents may be found on Defra's website:
www.defra.gov.uk/consult/2011/12/20/new-build-sewers-1112/
 - Consultation document
 - Annex A - Transitional arrangements
 - Annex B - Secretary of State's National Build Standards
 - Annex C - Consultation Impact Assessment
 - Annex D - Draft regulation
3. We welcome your views and comments on the proposals. If you wish to obtain a copy of this consultation. Please contact us at the addresses given below.

Responses

4. Please send responses to either:
Defra, Sewers Adoption Team, Area 2A, Ergon House, Horseferry Road, London, SW1P 2AL

Telephone 020 7238 4847

Or email: Sewer.Adoption@defra.gsi.gov.uk

5. Responses should be received by 31 January 2012.

Consultation Criteria

6. This consultation is in line with the Code of practice on Consultations. This can be found at www.berr.gov.uk/bre/
7. When this consultation ends, we intend to put a copy of the responses in the Defra library at Ergon House, London. This is so that the public can see them. Also, members of the public may ask for a copy of responses under freedom of information legislation.
8. If you do not want your response - including your name, contact details and any other personal information – to be publicly available, please say so clearly in writing when you send your response to the consultation. Please note, if your

computer automatically includes a confidentiality disclaimer, that won't count as a confidentiality request.

9. Please explain why you need to keep details confidential. We will take your reasons into account if someone asks for this information under freedom of information legislation. But, because of the law, we cannot promise that we will always be able to keep those details confidential.

10. We will summarise all responses and place this summary on our website at www.defra.gov.uk/consult. This summary will include a list of names of organisations that responded but not people's personal names, addresses or other contact details.

11. To see consultation responses and summaries, please contact the library at:

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