

# Public Sewers and Water Mains Application for Capacity Check



Southern Water provides an optional Capacity Check service to assist developers in identifying any possible constraints that may be associated with servicing a development site. The Capacity Check can assist developers in understanding the potential costs and timescales involved in servicing a site prior to land acquisition or the submission of a planning application. Capacity Checks are available for both water and wastewater systems. The results of the Capacity Checks are for information only and should not be regarded as an approval or rejection of your proposals.

## Level 1 - Preliminary Capacity Check

This is a simple check that will identify whether the required capacity is available adjacent to or close to the proposed development. Should capacity not be available, you will be provided with an indication of the nearest point at which capacity is available.

It should be noted that a charge will be made for any repeat enquiries.

Where we are unable to identify a simple solution you will be offered the option of undertaking a Level 2 Design Capacity Check

We will endeavour to provide you with a written reply within 15 working days of receipt of a complete application. If we are unable to do this you will be contacted and given the reason why.

**Important Note:** The results of the Level 1 Preliminary Capacity Check do not necessarily provide an identified solution for servicing the proposed development site. The Level 1 Check is aimed at simply providing an indication of whether capacity is available.

### Cost (inclusive of VAT):

For <u>each</u> of Water and Wastewater		Surface Water 2 year Flow (l/s)	
0 – 50 units	£148.05	0 – 50	£294.93
50 – 250 units	£442.98	50 – 250	£884.78
250 – 500 units	£589.85	250 – 500	£1,180.88

This service is only available for developments which are less than 500 units. The impact of a development greater than 500 units is substantial and the more extensive Level 2 Design Capacity Check (see next section) is required.

Should you wish to take advantage of this service, please complete the Capacity Check Application Form and forward, together with the appropriate fees and drawings, to the address shown on the form.

## Level 2 - Design Capacity Check

This is a more comprehensive service. In addition to identifying the nearest point of capacity, (as per the Level 1 Preliminary Capacity Check) this service will identify the preferred solution for servicing the site. For example, detailed investigations will be undertaken to determine whether any upgrading works will allow a local connection rather than extensive off-site infrastructure.

**Important Note:** As with the Level 1 Preliminary Capacity Check, this service does not provide indicative costs of the work required to service the site. This information will be provided if you enter into a process to requisition or upgrade a suitable sewer.

We will endeavour to provide you with a comprehensive report within 25 working days of receipt of a complete application. If we are unable to do this you will be contacted and given the reason why.

### Cost (inclusive of VAT):

For <u>each</u> of Water and Wastewater	Surface Water
£1,474.63	£1,474.63

Where it is necessary to carry out a full pumping station survey, an additional fee of £821.33 (inc VAT) will apply.

Should you wish to take advantage of this service, please complete the Capacity Check Application Form and forward, together with the appropriate fees and drawings, to the address shown on the form. (If you have previously completed a Level 1 Preliminary Capacity Check, a new application form is not required for this site).

**Should you require any further information on capacity checks, please contact the Network Development Team on:**

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