

WHERE ARE THE SEWERS?

Although the public sewerage system is the responsibility of Yorkshire Water, the Council has a duty (under the Water Industry Act 1991, Section 200(2)) to make a copy of the Statutory Sewer Map available, at all reasonable times, for inspection by the public free of charge.

This copy is provided to the Council by Yorkshire Water and is kept at reception in the Leonardo Building, 2 Rossington Street, Leeds, LS2 8HD. It is held on a computer, which members of the public can use to look at the public sewer map for any area of the City.

Please note that the Statutory Sewer Map only shows sewers which are classed as 'public sewers' – i.e. ones which are owned by Yorkshire Water. It does not show the private drains that connect individual houses to the public sewers. Only the property owner would normally hold records of the private drains. If you need to know where your own private drains are and you do not have any records, you will need to arrange your own survey by a competent person or company (having due regard to safety issues).

Printed copies of extracts from the Statutory Sewer Map can only be provided by Yorkshire Water. If you want a printed copy, please contact Yorkshire Water at the following address (note that a charge is made): Yorkshire Water, Western House, Halifax Road, Bradford, BD6 2LZ (tel: 01274 691111). Searches (by Solicitors, etc) should be sent to Yorkshire Water at this address. See their web site for further details (<http://www.yorkshirewater.com>).

In some cases, where more than one pre-1937 property is served by a drain not shown on the Statutory Sewer Map, the drain might still be legally a public sewer and thereby the responsibility of Yorkshire Water.