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# Private sewers adoption

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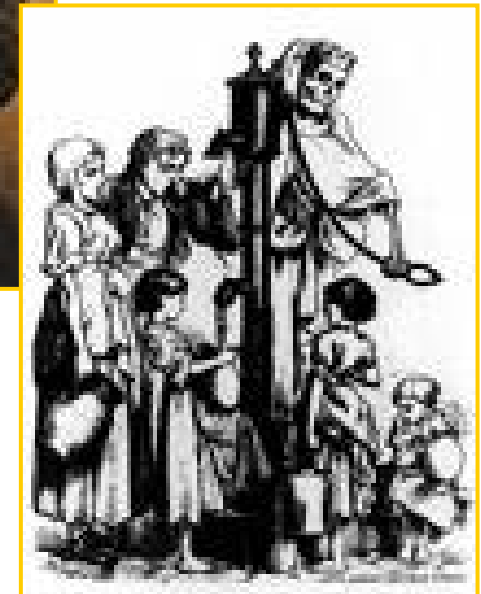
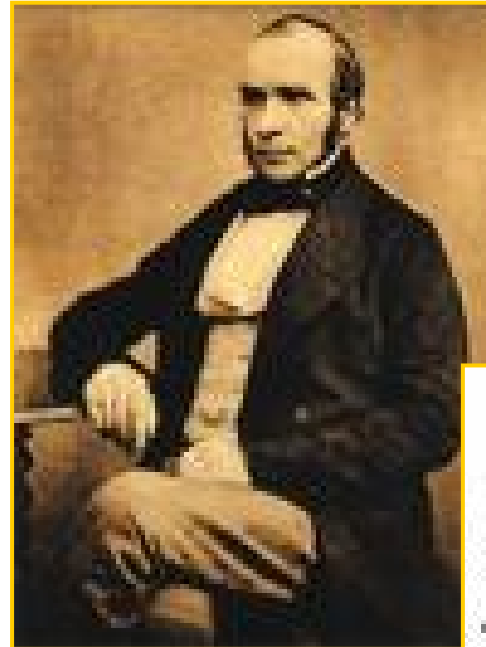
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## Presentation overview



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- 🔥 Background
- 🔥 Key proposals in new consultation
- 🔥 Actions for local authorities
- 🔥 Sewer standards

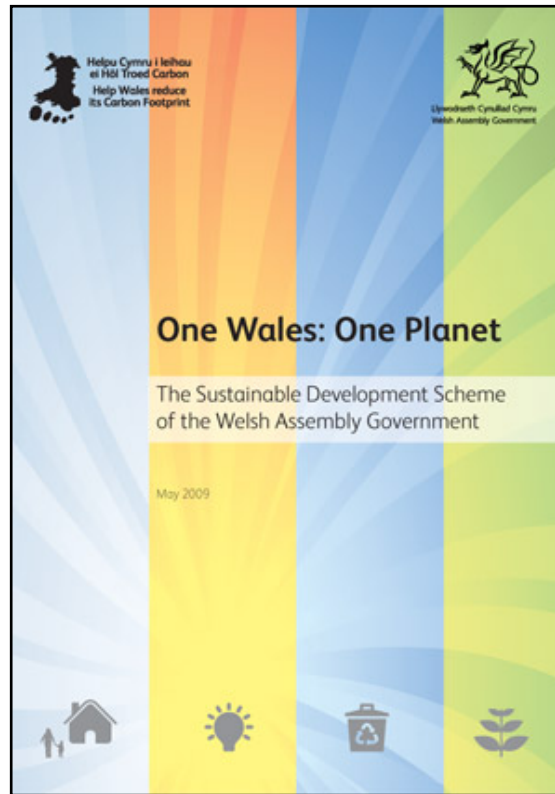
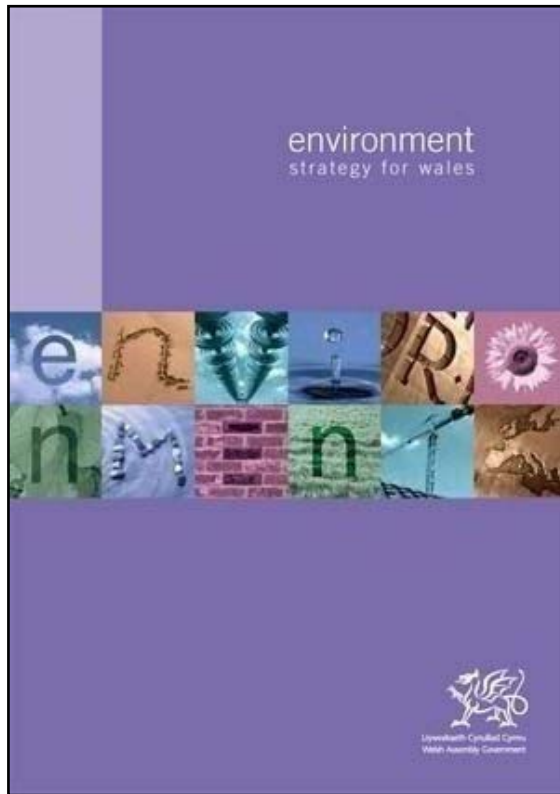


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## Water Policy in Wales



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## Background



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- 🔥 Public Health Act 1936
- 🔥 Continued growth of private sewers
- 🔥 Lack of public awareness
- 🔥 Customer dissatisfaction

### Public Health Act, 1936.

[26 Geo. 5. & 1 Edw. 8. Ch. 49.]

#### ARRANGEMENT OF SECTIONS.

A.D. 1936.

#### PART I.

##### LOCAL ADMINISTRATION.

##### *Local authorities and their districts.*

Section.

1. Local authorities for purposes of Act.

##### *Port health authorities and joint boards.*

2. Constitution of port health district under port health authority.
3. Jurisdiction, powers, &c. of port health authority.
4. Restriction on discharge of functions by local authorities within port health district.
5. Existing port sanitary authorities to be renamed port health authorities.
6. Union of districts, or parts of districts, for certain purposes under joint board.
7. Restriction on discharge of functions by local authorities within united district.
8. Joint boards representing councils of counties and county boroughs.
9. General provisions as to orders constituting port health districts, united districts and joint boards.
10. Borrowing powers of port health authorities and joint boards.

##### *Division of districts.*

11. Power of urban authority to divide their district.
12. Constitution and dissolution of special purpose areas in rural districts.

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Review of Existing  
Private Sewers  
and Drains in  
England and Wales  
Regulatory Impact Assessment


Defra deals with the essentials of life  
– food, air, land water and people

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Consultation on Private  
Sewers Transfer –  
Implementation Options


July 2007




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Summary of responses to the consultation:  
Private Sewers Transfer – Implementation  
Options: July – October 2007

March 2008



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## Current Position



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- 🔥 22 February 2009
  - Intent to transfer
- 🔥 31 March 2009
  - Strategic Policy Position
  - Statement on Water
- 🔥 26 August 2010
  - Implementation
  - consultation launched
- 🔥 1 October 2011
  - Proposed transfer of sewers
- 🔥 1 October 2016
  - Transfer of pumping stations

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## Current Position



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- 🔥 Welsh Assembly Government & Defra working together
- 🔥 Consultation workshops
- 🔥 Summary & response documents
- 🔥 Work with Dŵr Cymru Welsh Water to identify problem areas
- 🔥 Regulations proposed in 2011

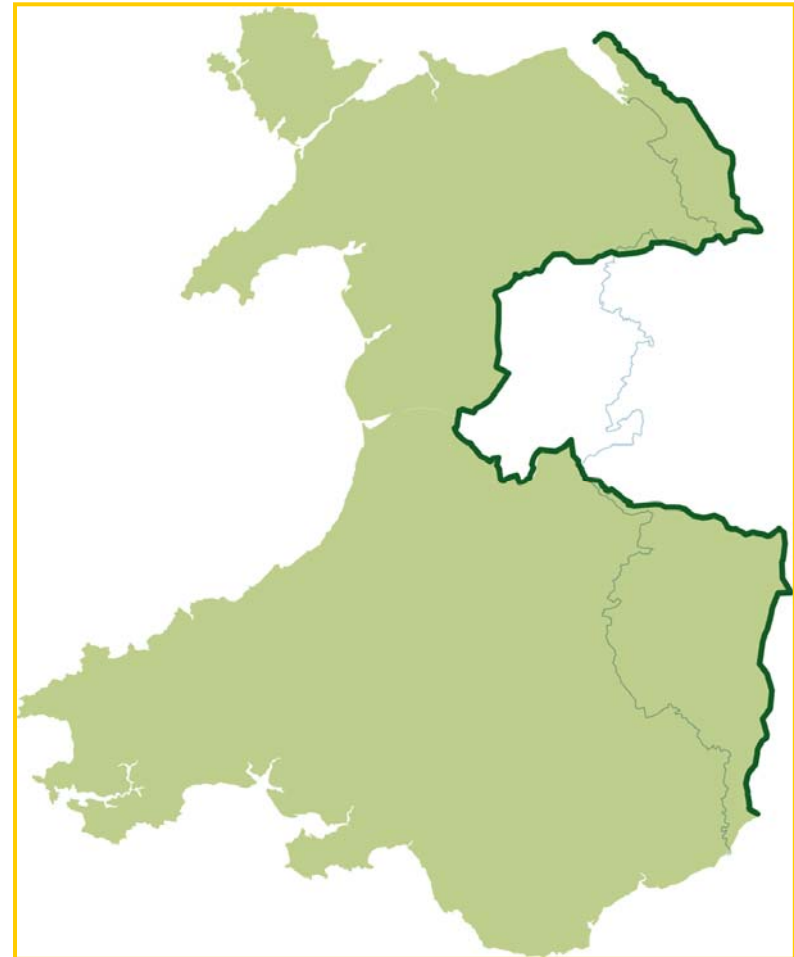
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## Border issues



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- 🔥 Law is based on water company area
- 🔥 Welsh ministers cover parts of England
- 🔥 Vice versa



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## Consultation proposals



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- 🔥 Implementation of policy
- 🔥 Automatic, overnight adoption
- 🔥 Gravity sewers connected to the public sewerage system
- 🔥 Lateral drains



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## Consultation proposals



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- 🔥 Not private sewage works, septic tanks etc
- 🔥 Pumping stations adopted by October 2016



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## Consultation proposals



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- 🔥 S 102 WIA 1991
- 🔥 Minister makes scheme
- 🔥 Declaration by WaSC
- 🔥 Notice to owners



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- 🔥 What does not transfer?
- 🔥 Single curtilage
- 🔥 Surface water sewers
- 🔥 Crown land
- 🔥 Questions: define single curtilage?  
other exemptions?



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## Consultation proposals - appeals



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- 🔥 What if owner opposes transfer?
- 🔥 Section 105B WIA
- 🔥 Seriously detrimental
- 🔥 Private land crossed
- 🔥 OFWAT will deal with appeals



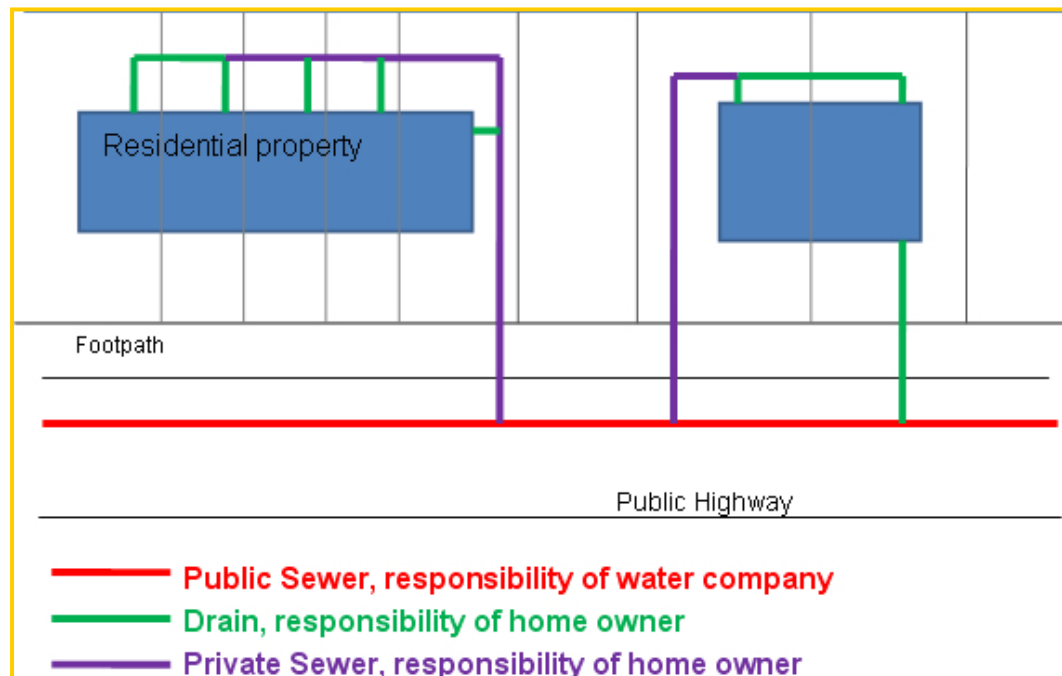
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### Current arrangements



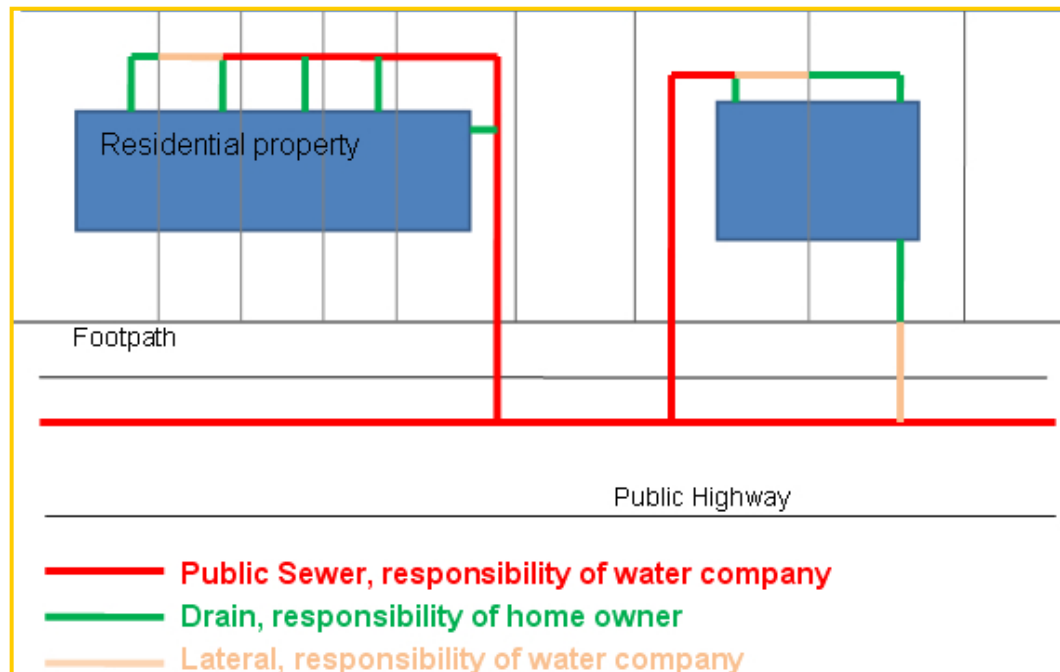
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### Proposed arrangements



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## Consultation proposals – next steps



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- 🔥 Preparation for transfer - WaSCs
- 🔥 Training operatives
- 🔥 Pollution incidents & reporting
- 🔥 Sewer records
- 🔥 Questions: missing transitional issues?



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## Role for local authorities



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- 🔥 Respond to consultation questions!
- 🔥 Publicise change
- 🔥 Manage expectations
- 🔥 Co-operate with DCWW/Severn Trent



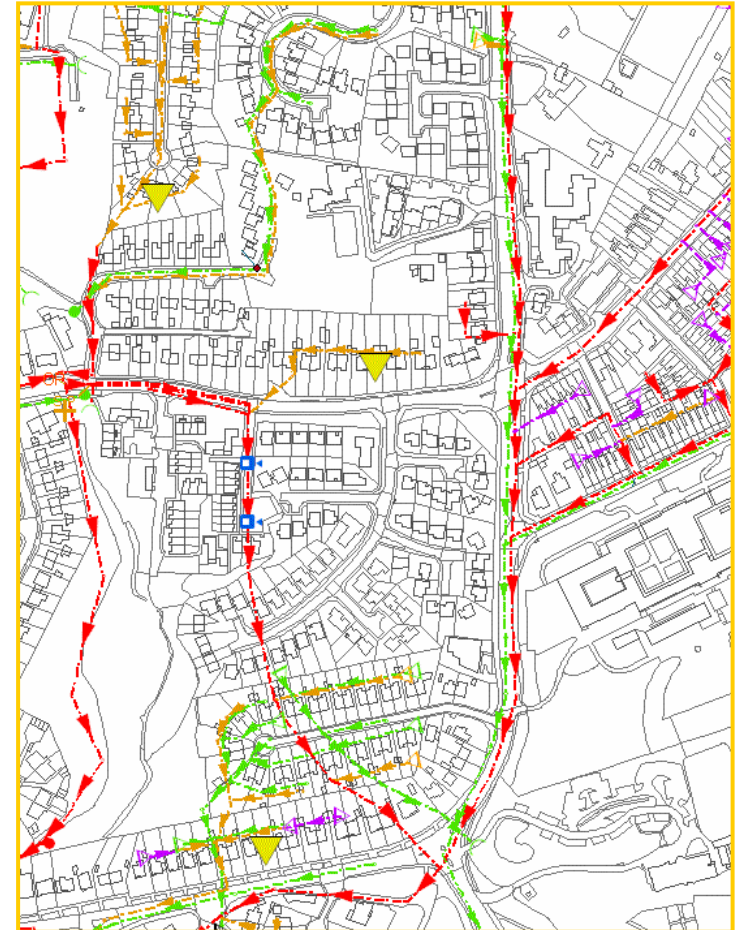
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## Role for local authorities



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- Local authority records
- Planning
- Housing
- Environmental health
- Operational




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## Sewer standards



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- 🔥 To prevent new private sewers
- 🔥 Flood & Water Management Act
- 🔥 New unified build standard
- 🔥 Mandatory adoption

 Office of the Deputy Prime Minister Creating sustainable communities	
The Building Regulations 2000	
Drainage and waste disposal	
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APPROVED DOCUMENT	
H1	Foul water drainage
H2	Wastewater treatment systems and septic tanks
H3	Rainwater drainage
H4	Building over sewers
H5	Separate systems
H6	Solid waste storage



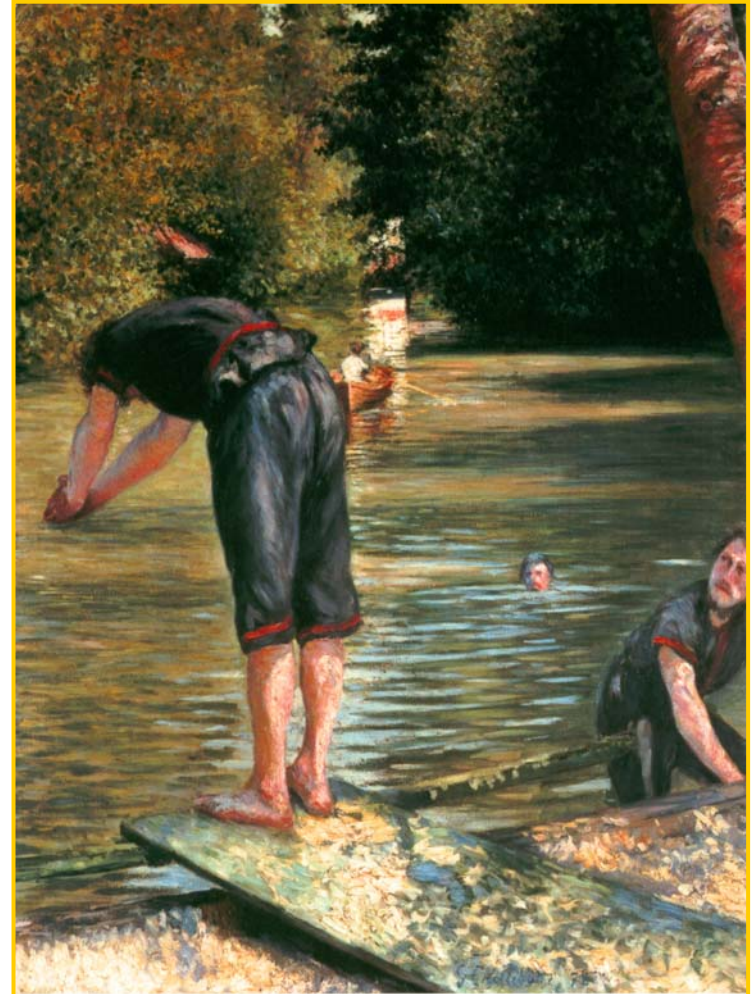
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