



Water Act 2003

2003 CHAPTER 37

PART 3

MISCELLANEOUS

Sewers and drains

97 Requisitioning and adoption of lateral drains: supplementary

- (1) The WIA is amended as follows.
- (2) In section 36 (interpretation of Part 2 of the WIA)—
 - (a) in subsection (3)(b)(i), after “sewer” there is inserted “ or drain ”,
 - (b) for the definition of “relevant sewer” in subsection (4) there is substituted—

““relevant sewer or drain”, in relation to any appointment or variation which would replace a company as a sewerage undertaker, means any of the following, that is to say—

 - (a) a public sewer or lateral drain vested in that company;
 - (b) a sewer or lateral drain in relation to which that company has made a declaration of vesting under section 102 below which has not yet taken effect;
 - (c) a sewer or lateral drain in relation to which that company has entered into an agreement under section 104 below.”
- (3) In section 94 (general duty to provide sewerage system), in paragraph (a) of subsection (1), after “those sewers” there is inserted “ and any lateral drains which belong to or vest in the undertaker ”.
- (4) In section 158 (powers to lay pipes in streets), for paragraph (b) of subsection (7) there is substituted—
 - “(b) in relation to a sewerage undertaker, as references to—
 - (i) any sewer or disposal main; or

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- (ii) in relation to the exercise of a power to lay a pipe under paragraph (a) of subsection (1) above or a power related to that power under paragraph (c) of that subsection, any lateral drain which the undertaker is to lay by virtue of section 98 or 101B above; or
 - (iii) in relation to the exercise of any other power under subsection (1) above, any lateral drain which belongs to or is vested for the time being in the undertaker.”
- (5) In section 159 (power to lay pipes in other land), in subsection (7), at the end there is added “ (reading references there to subsection (1) as references to subsection (1) of this section). ”.
- (6) In section 171 (entry for sewerage purposes), in subsection (3), for “a private drain or sewer” there is substituted “ a drain or private sewer ”.
- (7) In section 179 (vesting of works in undertaker)—
- (a) in paragraph (a) of subsection (2), after “sewer” there is inserted “ , lateral drain ”,
 - (b) in subsection (7), in paragraph (b) of the definition of “relevant pipe”, after “sewer” there is inserted “ , lateral drain ”.
- (8) In section 199 (sewer maps), in subsection (1)—
- (a) in paragraph (a), after “sewer” there is inserted “ , lateral drain ”,
 - (b) in paragraph (b), after “sewer” there is inserted “ or lateral drain ”.
- (9) In section 219 (general interpretation)—
- (a) in subsection (1), after the definition of “inland waters” there is inserted—
 - ““lateral drain” means—
 - (a) that part of a drain which runs from the curtilage of a building (or buildings or yards within the same curtilage) to the sewer with which the drain communicates or is to communicate; or
 - (b) (if different and the context so requires) the part of a drain identified in a declaration of vesting made under section 102 above or in an agreement made under section 104 above;”,
 - (b) in subsection (3), after “sewer,” there is inserted “ lateral drain, ”.
- (10) In Schedule 12 (compensation etc in respect of pipe-laying and other works powers), in sub-paragraph (5) of paragraph 4, after “sewer” there is inserted “ , lateral drain ”.

Commencement Information

II S. 97 in force at 28.5.2004 by S.I. 2004/641, art. 4(b) (with Sch. 3 para. 7)

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Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Act (including any effects on those provisions):

- s. 52(9) inserted by [2014 c. 21 Sch. 7 para. 133\(3\)](#)