

Drainage and Water Search



Property Address

130, Lower Hall Street, St. Helens, WA10 1GF.

Records searched indicate

Water undertaker:	United Utilities	Green
Water connection:	Connected	Green
Water within boundary:	Identified	Red
Sewer undertaker:	United Utilities	Green
Sewer connection:	Connected	Green
Surface connection:	Connected	Green
Sewers within boundary:	Not identified	Green

Legend

Typical response	Green
Caution - please refer to relevant question	Orange
Needs attention	Red

Got questions?

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Summary

1.1	Drainage map	Enclosed
1.2	Water map	Enclosed
2.1	Foul water connected to public sewer	Connected
2.2	Surface water connected to public sewer	Connected
2.3	Surface water charges payable	Refer to vendor
2.4	Drainage assets within boundary	Not identified
2.4.1	Surface water assets within boundary	Insured
2.5	Public sewer within 100ft	None found
2.5.1	Public sewer apparatus within 50m	Insured
2.6	Adoption agreements	None found
2.7	Building over agreements	See details
2.8	Internal flooding risk	Insured
2.9	Distance to treatment works	Insured
3.1	Mains water connection	Connected
3.2	Water assets within boundary	Identified
3.3	Water adoption agreements	See details
3.4	Water pressure	Insured
3.5	Water supply classification	See details
3.6	Water meter location	See details
4.1.1	Sewerage undertaker	See Answer
4.1.2	Water Undertaker	See Answer
4.2	Sewerage service billing	Refer to vendor
4.3	Water service billing	Refer to vendor
4.4	Charging basis	Refer to vendor
4.5	Charging basis change expected	Insured



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2. Private drains and sewers connecting the property to the public system may not be shown as water companies have not historically held these details. Only those assets indicated on the publicly available statutory maps are reproduced on this plan.

3. Section 104 sewers may not be shown on this plan.

4. On 1st October 2011 some private assets transferred to water company ownership, including private sewers and lateral drains. These assets will be indicated where they have been added to the statutory sewer maps, but may not be shown due to the historical nature of private sewers (See note 2).

5. The presence of service pipes should be anticipated and the actual position of mains should be verified and established on site prior to commencing any work

1. Maps

Enclosed



1.1 Sewer map

Where relevant, please include a copy of an extract from the public sewer map.

Answer

Please refer to the map provided within this report. Where relevant, assets have been transcribed onto this map.

Important notes

The pipes identified on the public sewer map as sewers are classified as assets for which the relevant Sewerage Undertaker holds statutory responsibility, in accordance with the Water Industry Act 1991.

Please note that Sewerage Undertakers do not maintain responsibility for features such as rivers, watercourses, ponds, culverts, or highway drains. Where these are shown on the map extract, they are included for informational purposes only and do not imply statutory responsibility.

Where private sewers or lateral drains are shown as being adoptable subject to a Section 104 agreement under the Water Industry Act 1991, these representations are not 'as constructed' records. We recommend that such details be verified directly with the developer or responsible party, where applicable.

In some cases, additional assets beyond public sewers, disposal mains, or lateral drains may appear on the map extract. These are also provided for information only and should not be interpreted as assets under the undertaker's statutory remit.

Enclosed



1.2 Water map

Where relevant, please include a copy of an extract from the map of waterworks.

Answer

Please refer to the map provided within this report. Where relevant, assets have been transcribed onto this map.

Important notes

The pipes identified on the public water map as water mains are classified as assets for which the relevant Water Undertaker holds statutory responsibility, in accordance with the Water Industry Act 1991.

Please note that Water Undertakers do not maintain responsibility for private water mains or private service pipes connecting the property to the public water main and do not hold details for these. Where these are shown on the map extract, they are included for informational purposes only and do not imply statutory responsibility.

Responsibility for these private connections lies with the property owner, and where shared arrangements exist, responsibility may be joint with neighbouring properties. These private assets may cross land not owned by the seller, and prospective buyers may wish to investigate whether legal easements or access rights are in place for inspection, maintenance, or renewal.

2. Drainage

Connected



2.1 Foul water

Does foul water from the property drain to a public sewer?

Answer

Records indicate that foul water from the property drains to a public sewer.

Important notes

The response above is based on the location of any public sewers as shown on the enclosed extract from the sewer records. This report should be read in conjunction with the property's water and sewerage bills, the vendor's property information questionnaire and any independent survey you may have commissioned.

Please note that Sewerage Undertakers do not maintain records of private drains or sewers that connect individual properties to the public network. Responsibility for these private connections typically lies with the property owner, and where shared arrangements exist, responsibility may be joint with neighbouring properties. These private assets may cross land not owned by the seller, and prospective buyers may wish to investigate whether legal easements or access rights are in place for inspection, maintenance, or renewal.

The enclosed sewer map highlights known public sewers near the property. From this, it may be possible to estimate the likely route and extent of any private drainage infrastructure serving the property.

If foul water does not drain to the public sewerage system, the property may have private facilities in the form of a septic tank, cesspit or other types of treatment plant.



2.2 Surface water

Does surface water from the property drain to a public sewer?

Answer

Records indicate that surface water from the property drains to a public sewer.

Important notes

The response above is based on the location of a public sewer as shown on the enclosed extract from the sewer records. This report should be read in conjunction with the property's water and sewerage bills, the vendor's property information questionnaire and any independent survey you may have commissioned.

Please note that Sewerage Undertakers do not maintain records of private drains or sewers that connect individual properties to the public network. Responsibility for these private connections typically lies with the property owner, and where shared arrangements exist, responsibility may be joint with neighbouring properties. These private assets may cross land not owned by the seller, and prospective buyers may wish to investigate whether legal easements or access rights are in place for inspection, maintenance, or renewal.

In certain instances, the records maintained by the Sewerage Undertaker may not clearly differentiate between foul water and surface water connections to the public sewerage network. If on inspection the buyer finds that the property does not discharge surface water to the public sewer, the property may be entitled to a reduction in the surface water drainage charges. Further information regarding eligibility and application procedures can be obtained directly from the relevant Water Company.

Where surface water from the property does not discharge into the public sewerage system, it is likely that alternative drainage arrangements are in place. These may include a soakaway system, a private outfall to a nearby watercourse, or integration with a Sustainable Urban Drainage System (SuDS). SuDS are designed to manage rainfall in a way that mimics natural processes, helping to reduce flood risk, improve water quality, and support biodiversity. They form part of a broader green infrastructure approach to urban water management.

The enclosed sewer map highlights known public sewers near the property. From this, it may be possible to estimate the likely route and extent of any private drainage infrastructure serving the property.

[Refer to vendor](#)


2.3 Surface water charges

Is a surface water drainage charge payable?

Answer

Please refer to the vendor or pre-contract documents. Obtaining a copy of a recent water bill will confirm the charging basis for the property.

Important notes

If surface water from a property enters the public sewer, a surface water drainage charge is usually included in the water and sewerage bill.

If a surface water drainage charge is applied, but the purchaser ascertains on inspection or an independent survey that surface water from the property does not discharge into a public sewer (for instance, if it drains to a soakaway or private system), the property may qualify for a rebate from the relevant Water Company.

For properties built after 6th of April 2015, the surface water drainage may be served by a Sustainable Drainage System. Further information may be available from the developer.



2.4 Drainage assets within boundary

Does the public sewer map indicate any public sewer, disposal main, or lateral drain within the boundaries of the property?

Answer

The map does not indicate an asset within the boundaries of the property.

Important notes

This report should be read in conjunction with the property's sewerage and water billing records, any relevant survey documentation, and the vendor's property questionnaire. Since 1st October 2011, most private sewers subject to adoption agreements have been transferred into public ownership.

As a result, additional assets may exist within or near the property boundary that are not shown on the attached plan. The presence of a sewer is identified based on its proximity as indicated. Public assets shown as sewers are those for which the Sewerage Undertaker holds statutory responsibility under the Water Industry Act 1991.

For new or recently developed sites, purchasers must confirm asset records directly with the developer, as such details may not yet be reflected on the public sewer map.



2.4.1 Surface water assets within boundary

Does the public sewer map indicate any public pumping station or any other ancillary apparatus within the boundaries of the property?

Answer

Insurance has been implemented to indemnify against any Adverse Entries to this question which may affect this property.

Important notes

This indemnifies the Buyer, Seller, and Lender against the lesser of the deficit or that part of the deficit which results directly from the difference between the Market Value of the property without the Adverse Entry and the Market Value with the Adverse Entry.



2.5 Public sewer within 100 feet

Does the public sewer map indicate any public sewer, disposal main, or lateral drain within 30.48 metres (100 feet) of the boundary of the property?

Answer

The public sewer map does not show a public sewer within 30.48 metres (100 feet) of the property boundary. It is possible for private sewers to exist within the radius which would not be shown on the public map.

Important notes

This report should be read in conjunction with the property's sewerage and water billing records, any relevant survey documentation, and the vendor's property questionnaire.

Since 1st October 2011, most private sewers subject to adoption agreements have been transferred into public ownership. As a result, additional public assets may exist within or near the property boundary that are not shown on the attached plan. The presence of a public sewer is identified based on its proximity as indicated.

Public assets shown as sewers are those for which the Sewerage Undertaker holds statutory responsibility under the Water Industry Act 1991.

For new or recently developed sites, the recipient must confirm asset records directly with the developer, as such details may not yet be reflected on the public sewer map.

Insured



2.5.1 Public sewer within 50m

Does the public sewer map indicate any public pumping station or any other ancillary apparatus within 50m of the property boundary?

Answer

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2.6 Adoption

Are any sewer or lateral drains serving, or which are proposed to serve the property the subject of an existing adoption agreement or an application for such an agreement?

Answer

Records indicate that the sewers serving the property are not the subject of an existing adoption agreement or an application for such an agreement.

Important notes

On 1 October 2011, in accordance with the Water Industry (Schemes for Adoption of Private Sewers) Regulations, all adoptable foul sewers subject to Section 104 agreements and laid prior to 1 July 2011 were transferred into public ownership, provided they were connected to the public sewerage system by that date. This transfer excluded any sewers that discharge to privately owned sewerage treatment or collection facilities.

Additionally, adoptable surface water sewers under Section 104 agreements were transferred where they discharge to the public sewerage system. However, those discharging to private watercourses, soakaways, or other non-public systems were not included in the transfer.

It should be noted that water company asset records are currently undergoing review and updates. As a result, some transferred assets may not yet be reflected on the public sewer map. Consequently, there may be sewers that are either not recorded or still shown as adoptable assets pending mapping updates.

[See details](#)

2.7 Building over agreements

Has a sewerage undertaker approved or been consulted about any plans to erect a building or extension on the property over or in the vicinity of a public sewer, disposal main or drain?

Answer

There is no statutory access to records confirming whether the sewerage undertaker has approved or been consulted about plans to erect a building or extension on the property or in the vicinity of a public sewer. Where a public asset is shown within the property boundary, further enquiries should be made with the relevant sewerage undertaker.

Important notes

Buildings or extensions constructed over a public sewer without the required consent may not comply with Part H4 of the Building Regulations, and alterations or removal could be necessary.

From 1 October 2011, many private sewers were transferred into public ownership. The sewerage undertaker may not have been consulted about developments over or near these assets.

Not all transferred assets are currently shown on public sewer maps. Therefore, additional sewers may exist that are not recorded, and caution is advised.



2.8 Internal flooding

Is the building which is, or forms, part of the property at risk of internal flooding due to overloaded public sewers?

Answer

Insurance has been implemented to indemnify against any Adverse Entries in response to this question which may affect this property.

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2.9 Sewage treatment works

Please state the distance from the property to the nearest boundary of the nearest sewage treatment works.

Answer

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Important notes

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3. Water

Connected



3.1 Mains water

Is the property connected to mains water supply?

Answer

Records indicate that the property is connected to the mains water supply.

Important notes

The response above is based on the location of any public water pipes as shown on the enclosed extract from the water records.

This report should be read in conjunction with the property's water and sewerage bills, the vendor's property information questionnaire and any independent survey you may have commissioned.

Identified



3.2 Water assets within boundary

Are there any water mains within the boundaries of the property?

Answer

The map indicates there are water mains within the boundaries of the property.

Important notes

Where a public water main is located within the boundary of a property, it may impose restrictions on future development or construction activities. This is due to statutory rights held by the relevant Water Undertaker, which include legal access to maintain, repair, or upgrade their infrastructure.

In such cases, representatives or contractors acting on behalf of the Water Undertaker may require entry to the property to carry out necessary works. These rights are exercised under statutory provisions and typically require advance notice.

See details



3.3 Water adoption

Is any water main or service pipe serving, or which is proposed to serve the property, the subject of an existing adoption agreement or an application for such an agreement?

Answer

Records indicate that water supply serving the property are not the subject of an existing adoption agreement or an application for such an agreement.

Important notes

For recent or ongoing developments where no agreement is in place and no public water mains are visible within the development, purchasers are advised to consult with the developer to determine the extent of any private water infrastructure for which they may assume responsibility.

Purchasers should also confirm whether the developer has approached the relevant Water Undertaker to arrange for water services to be supplied.



3.4 Water pressure

Is the property at risk of receiving low water pressure or flow?

Answer

Insurance has been implemented to indemnify against any Adverse Entries in response to this question which may affect this property.

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[See details](#)

3.5 Water supply classification

What is the classification of the water supply for the property?

Answer

Please refer to the vendor. Obtaining a copy of a recent water bill will confirm the classification for the property.

[See details](#)

3.6 Water meter

Please include details of the location of any water meter serving the property.

Answer

Please refer to the vendor. Obtaining a copy of a recent water bill will confirm the charging basis for the property.

4. Undertakers

[See Answer](#)

4.1.1 Sewerage undertaker

Who is responsible for providing the sewerage services for the property?

Answer

United Utilities

United Utilities Water plc, Haweswater House, Lingley Mere Business Park, Great Sankey, Warrington, WA5 3LP.

Telephone: 0870 751 0101

[See Answer](#)

4.1.2 Water undertaker

Who is responsible for providing the water services for the property?

Answer

United Utilities

United Utilities Water plc, Haweswater House, Lingley Mere Business Park, Great Sankey, Warrington, WA5 3LP.

Telephone: 0870 751 0101

[Refer to vendor](#)

4.2 Sewerage service billing

Who bills the property for sewerage services?

Answer

Please refer to the vendor. Obtaining a copy of a recent water bill will confirm the charging basis for the property.

[Refer to vendor](#)

4.3 Water service billing

Who bills the property for water services?

Answer

Please refer to the vendor. Obtaining a copy of a recent water bill will confirm the charging basis for the property.

[Refer to vendor](#)

4.4 Charging basis

What is the current basis for charging for sewerage and water services at the property?

Answer

Please refer to the vendor. Obtaining a copy of a recent water bill will confirm the charging basis for the property.



4.5 Charging basis change

Will the basis for charging for sewerage and water services at the property change as a consequence of a change of occupation?

Answer

Insurance has been implemented to indemnify against any Adverse Entries in response to this question which may affect this property.

Important notes

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