Assess your proposals against Anglian Water’s standard criteria

The following standard criteria is used to assess all build over/near proposals within 3 metres of a public sewer.

The criteria has been made available to enable you to make your own assessment and is as follows:-

1. Sewer less than 3 metres deep.
2. Sewer 150mm diameter or less.
3. Length of sewer under a building must not exceed 6 metres.
4. No manholes or access point permitted under/in a building.
5. Gravity sewer and not pumped.
6. Suitable foundation design to ensure that no loads are imposed on the public sewer.

Please note that criteria No 3 does not need to be considered for a Build Near scenario and is only relevant if the sewer is to be built over.

If your proposed works comply with ALL of the above criteria, we will automatically approve the application and you will not be required to consult us regarding your proposals. Please note that you are still required to make a Building Regulations application to the BCB, who will either assess the proposals against our standard criteria or pass the details to us for assessment.

Should the proposals be passed to us we will confirm approval to the BCB providing ALL of the criteria are met.

If you are unable to comply with ALL of the above criteria you are required to make an application to build over or near to the public sewer. The application form and guidance notes for completion are available on our build over/near to a public sewer page on our website.