



BUILDING CONTROL

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Private Sewer Transfers

From 1st October 2011 the ownership of private sewers (sewers serving more than one property) and lateral drains (the section of drain serving just one property which is sited beyond the property boundary), which were connected to the existing public sewer system on or prior to 1st July 2011 will transfer to the water and sewerage company for your area.

If during the course of your building work sewers are encountered which fall within the scope of the transfer then Shropshire Council are required to notify the water and sewerage company that a sewer has been found. In some instances, dependent upon the nature of the sewer, the water and sewerage company may require you to enter into a building over agreement before works can progress further on site.

Where sewer transfers are encountered the water and sewerage company may impose certain conditions upon the construction and protection of the sewer passing across your land. During the inspection of building works Shropshire Council takes no responsibility for the actions or requirements of the water and sewerage company, including any delays in building works that may result from the intervention of the water and sewerage company in protecting their sewer.

In order to avoid incurring unforeseen costs or having restrictions imposed upon your building works resulting from the intervention of the water and sewerage company you are strongly advised to determine the status and location of all drainage passing across your property prior to commencing works on site.

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