Detached Properties (Not Sharing a Sewer)

Today

After 1 October 2011

Private drain from the rear of the footpath to its connection with the public sewer transfers to the Company as a lateral drain.
The private sewer transfers to the Company as a public sewer. The private drain from the boundary of the property served to the transferred public sewer transfers to the Company as a lateral drain.
Adjoining Properties (Semi Detached)

Today

After 1 October 2011

The private sewer transfers to the Company as a public sewer. The private drain from the boundary of the property served to the transferred public sewer transfers to the Company as a lateral drain.
Flats or Multiple Dwellings or Non Residential

The pipe draining the several flats remains private within the curtilage of the building until the boundary with the highway.
The properties have a shared area of car parking which is managed in common with the other block. There is no area obviously attributable to either. The pipe draining the two buildings is a drain as it drains two premises within a single curtilage.
Flats or Multiple Dwellings or Non Residential (After 1 October 2011)

The pipes draining the several buildings remain private within the single curtilage until their boundary with the highway.
Flats or Multiple Dwellings or Non Residential (Today)

The two blocks each have a separate area around them. They do not have a shared area which is managed in common with the other block. There are clear areas obviously attributable to each block. The pipe draining the two blocks is a private sewer as it drains two separate premises.
Flats or Multiple Dwellings or Non Residential (After 1 October 2011)

The pipes draining the several blocks remain private within the curtilage of each of the blocks but will transfer to the Company from the point where they leave each block’s curtilage.
The private sewer transfers to the company as a public sewer. The private drain from the boundary of Property 1 to the transferred public sewer transfers to the Company as a lateral drain.
One private drain leaves the curtilage and crosses a field to reach the highway where the public sewer is located. The other drain runs under the drive to the highway.
The drain crossing the field is outside of the curtilage and therefore will transfer to the Company from the point it leaves the curtilage. The drive is used for the benefit of the farm and the drain laid in it will not transfer to the Company.
The house owners are responsible for the private drains and sewers, even where they cross railway land.
The pipe under the railway land will transfer to the Company as it is not owned by the railway company.
Pumping Station Inside Curtilage (Today)

Private pumping station serving only one property and situated within the property curtilage. Pumps to the manhole in No 2.
The lateral drain from the curtilage of property 1 to its connection with the gravity sewer will transfer by 1 October 2016. As it is under pressure it will not transfer on 1 October 2011. The pumping station is within the curtilage and so is not a lateral drain and will not transfer.
Pumping station is outside the curtilage of the single property that it serves.
Pumping Station Outside Curtilage (After 1 October 2011)

The lateral drains from the property curtilages are under gravity and transfer on 1 October 2011. The pumping station and pressurised section of pipe are also outside the curtilage of the property and therefore are a lateral drain which will transfer by 1 October 2016.

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The pumping station is outside the curtilage of all the properties but the vacuum pipe which is part of the pumping station passes into several properties.
Vacuum Sewer Systems (After 1 October 2011)

All of the vacuum pipes (including the section within No 1) will transfer by October 2016 as the system is an accessory to a pumping station which will also transfer by October 2016. The diagram assumes that the section of pipe from the pumping station to the public sewer operates by gravity.
The units have individually allocated car parking but the access and car parking area is not otherwise divided into separate curtilages for each unit. The whole site is incorporated as a single unit.
Industrial Units (After 1 October 2011)

The units do not have separate curtilages. The pipes draining more than one are therefore drains and do not transfer to the sewerage company until the point where they leave the site.
Educational Campuses (Today)

Site all owned and managed by the school. Medical companies and similar establishments are likely to be treated in the same way.
Educational Campuses (After 1 October 2011)

Buildings are all within a single curtilage. The pipes serving the buildings are all drains. Only the lateral drain outside the site transfers on 1 October 2011.
The manager’s house, shops, mobile homes and caravans are all owned and managed as a single site.
As all the buildings and mobile homes are within a single curtilage, the pipes serving them are drains. Only the lateral drains outside the site transfer on 1 October 2011.
Septic Tank or Soakaway (No Change)

None of the properties communicate with the public sewerage system and therefore none of the pipes will transfer.
Private Sewers Discharging to Private STW which Discharges to a Public Sewer (No Change)

Sewerage is not discharged into the public sewer, only effluent from the treatment works, consequently no pipes transfer.
Drainage Via Highway Drain to Sewer (Today)

Surface water is discharged to the public sewerage system via a highway drain.
Drainage Via Highway Drain to Sewer (After 1 October 2011)

The lateral drains and sewer will transfer on 1 October 2011 even though they discharge via a highways drain which will remain the responsibility of the Highways Agency.
Surface water drains into the private soakaway systems which in turn drain into the public sewerage system.
Linked Soakaways (After 1 October 2011)

Soakaways do not transfer to sewerage companies. The drains and sewers which drain the buildings will transfer on 1 October 2011 even though they discharge via a soakaway which will remain private.
Sewers Discharging to Watercourses (No Change)

None of the properties communicate with the public sewerage system and therefore none of the pipes will transfer.
Example with Swale (Today)

Surface water drains into the private swale systems which in turn drains into the public sewerage system. The diagram assumes that the Swale was built as part of the overall drainage scheme.
Swales do not transfer to sewerage companies. The drains and sewers which drains buildings will transfer on 1 October 2011 even though they discharge via a swale which will remain private.
Cross Boundary Sewer Scenario (Today)

All the properties are within the area of sewerage company A but are served initially by a sewer belonging to sewerage company B.
Cross Boundary Sewer Scenario (After 1 October 2011)

The private sewers and lateral drains are within the area of sewerage company A and communicate with the public sewers of sewerage company A even though they discharge via public sewers belonging to sewerage company B which will remain the responsibility of sewerage company B.