

Information Note - Public Water and Waste Water Networks

Connections

On the 1st of January 2014 Irish Water became the statutory body with the responsibility for all water services, both water and waste water. Therefore any persons seeking a connection to any public network, either water or waste water, should make an application directly to Irish Water. A Connection Agreement between Irish Water and the applicant will be required, prior to any connection being agreed, and will set out the conditions and charges to be applied to the connection. Details, including availability of application forms, are to be found on the Irish Water website www.water.ie. The agreement of Irish Water should be obtained prior to any works commencing.

Under the provisions of Section 55(1)(a) of the Water Services Act 2007 (the Act) it is an offence for a person to cause or permit the connection of a premises to the public water supply network, either directly or indirectly, or to otherwise take a water supply without the agreement of Irish Water.

Similarly under the provisions of Section 61(1) (a) of the Act, it is an offence for a person to cause or permit the connection of a premises to the public waste water collection network, either directly or indirectly, without the agreement of Irish Water.

Increased Impacts

Where a new Planning Permission relates to a development served by an existing connection, and where Irish Water deems that the impact on the provision of water services is significant, then a new/ revised Connections Agreement with Irish Water will be required, subject to appropriate conditions, including charges as set out therein.