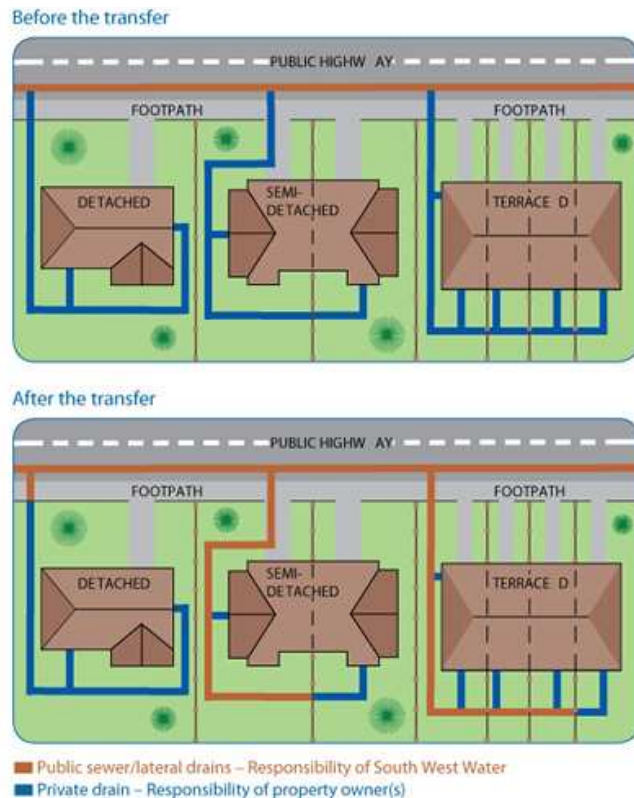


Environmental Protection Transfer of private sewers and lateral drains

On 1st October 2011 the responsibility for maintaining private sewers and lateral drains that flow to the public (mains) sewer will be transferred to South West Water.

A drain is a pipe that serves one property and a lateral drain is the part of this pipe that flows beyond the boundary of the property.

A sewer is a pipe that serves more than one property.



What will not be transferred on 1st October 2011?

- A private drain within a property boundary
- Surface water drains and sewers that drain to a watercourse
- Land drainage and highway drainage
- Privately owned sewage treatment works and pipes connected to them
- Privately owned septic tanks and cesspits
- Above ground drainage such as guttering and soil and vent pipes

Private pumping stations will be transferred to South West Water from 1st October 2016.

Any problems with current public sewers or private sewers and lateral drains transferred on 1st October 2011 should be directed to South West Water on 0344 346 2020 or via their website <https://www.southwestwater.co.uk/contact-us>

Should you have any queries on these matters please contact environmental.protection@torridge.gov.uk .