

UKSTT Breakfast Seminars at NO-DIG LIVE 2010

**“Private Sewer Transfer –
Where are we now?”**

“An independent perspective”

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- Background – *very briefly*
- Where are we now – *a quick overview*
- What are the issues – *my perspective*
 - Companies
 - Contractors
 - Customers
- Arrangements on site
- Going forward

Background

- Householders unaware of responsibility and liability
- Pressure from MPs and constituents
- Government review – started in 2001
- Three consultations + workshops
- Range of options – scope and form
- Defra Private Sewers Steering Group
- Government announcements – May 2007 and Dec 2008
- Cross-party support

Background

Ministerial statement (Ian Pearson)

“Householders will no longer bear responsibility for private sewers” and “private sewers and lateral drains... are to be transferred into the ownership of the nine statutory WaSCs in England” [Feb 2007]

SoS statement (Hilary Benn)

“Approximately 200,000km of privately owned sewers and lateral drains in England will be transferred to WaSCs from 2011” [Dec 2008]

Where are we now?

Latest consultation
+ draft regulations
released 26 Aug

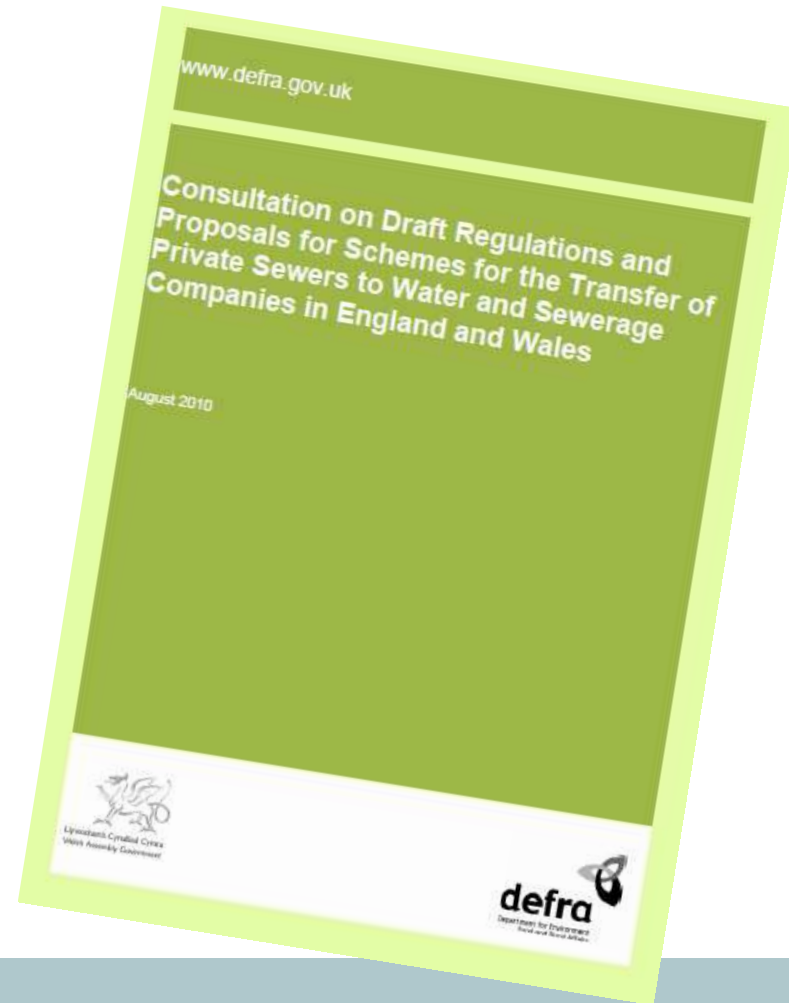
Sets out dates

Raises 5 questions

Initial responses – 7 Oct

Workshops

Final responses – 18 Nov



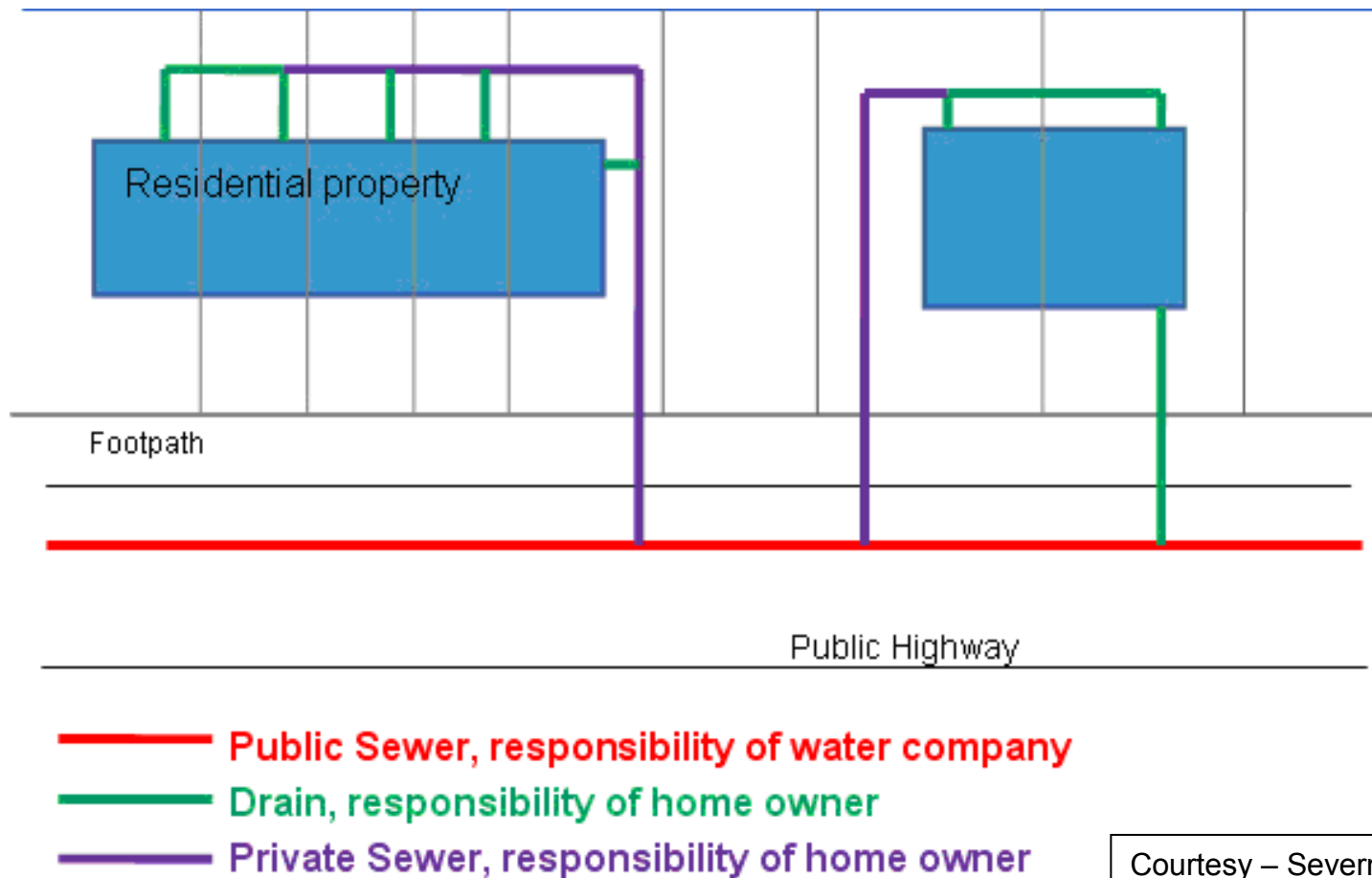
Timescale & Process

- Regulations to come into force April 2011
- Transfer of existing private gravity sewers and lateral drains – 1 Oct 2011
- All new sewers to be built to mandatory standards [UBS] and adopted by WaSCs – wef April 2011 (?)
- Private pumping stations and rising mains transferred – by 1 Oct 2016 (?)

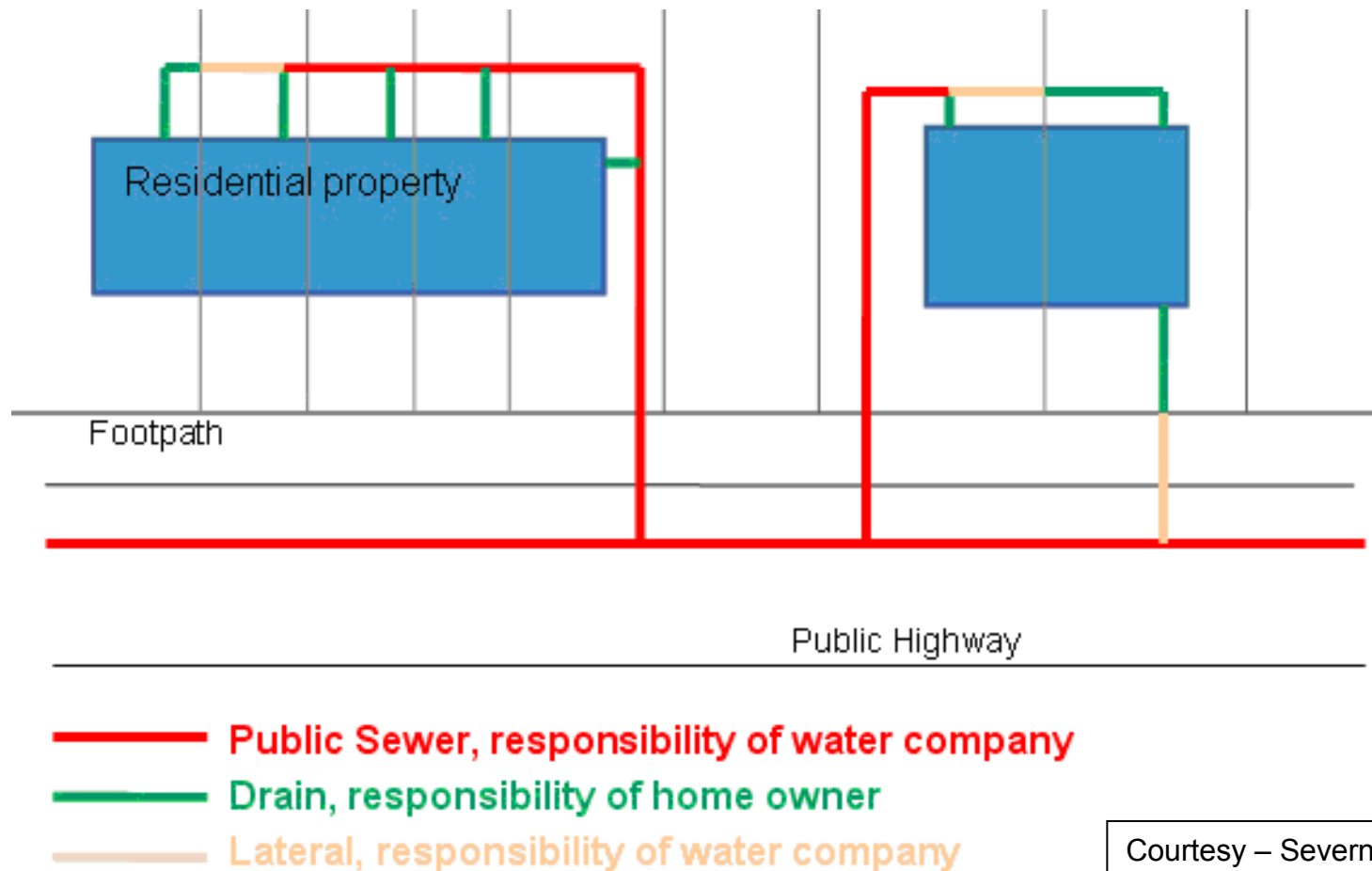
Process –

- Parliamentary / NAW approval of regulations
- Schemes for transfer made by SoS and Welsh Ministers
- Companies serve notice on private sewer owners of intention to adopt
- Appeals procedure (to Ofwat)

Existing situation



After transfer



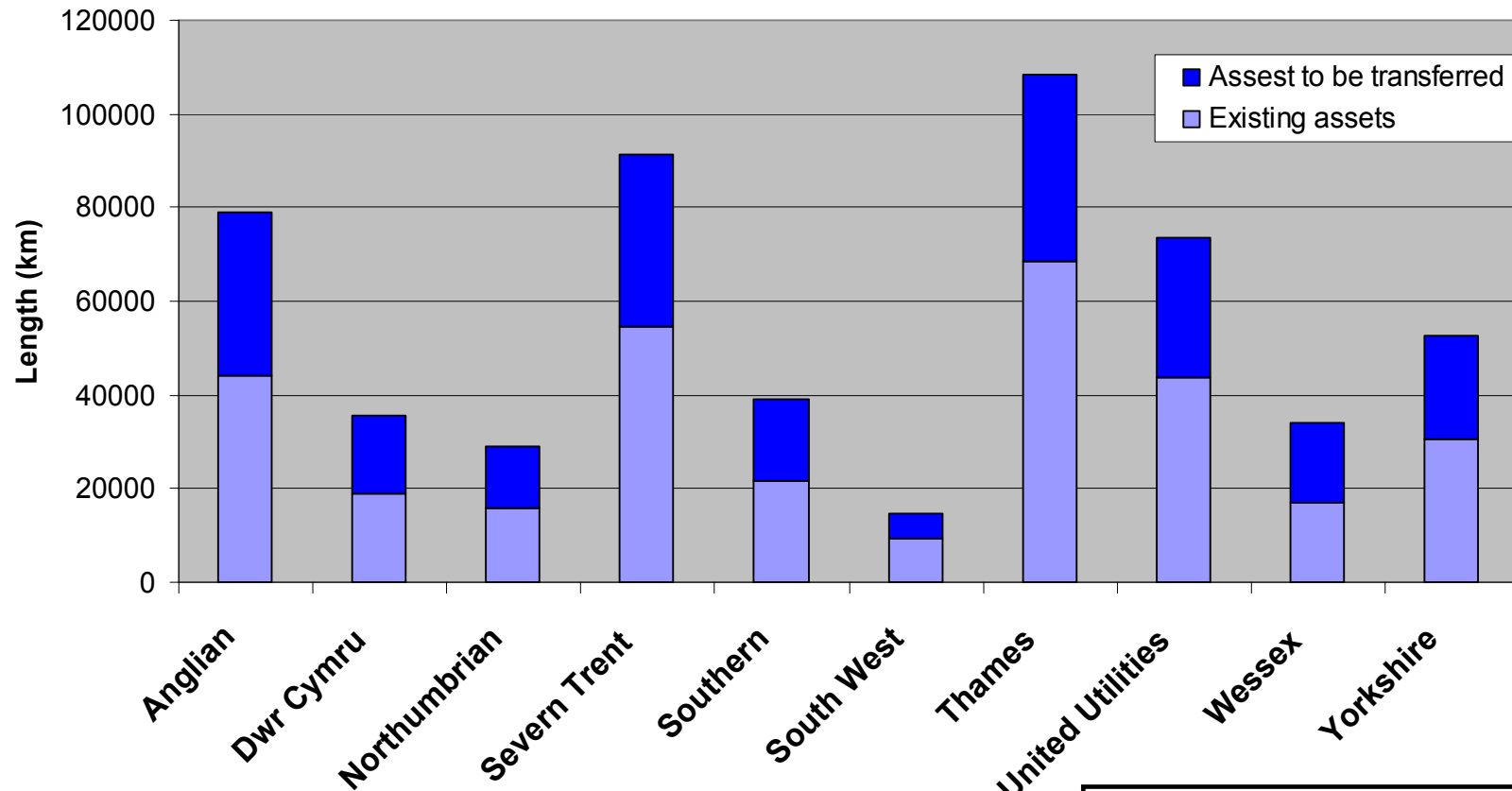
Courtesy – Severn Trent Water

What are the issues?

Water companies:

- Increased assets and responsibilities
- Sewage pumping station failures
- Communications to customers
- Funding (how / when)
- Data capture
- Resourcing the work

Length of Sewers



**Total increase
~234,000km**

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Contractors

- Uncertainty – threat or opportunity?
- Understanding water company procurement arrangements
- Winning work with WaSCs / first tier contractors
- Arrangements on site – protocol?

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Private Sewers

The following is an information note on the proposed transfer of private sewers for small drainage contractors.

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24/09/10
Private Sewers Forum
The SBWWI Private Sewers Forum met on 14 September and has since released the following press release:
http://www.sbwwi.co.uk/cms/Img/Regulation/Press_Release_17.9.10_Final.pdf

web sites

- www.water.org.uk
- www.sbwwi.co.uk
- www.nadc.org.uk

What are the issues?

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What are the issues?

Customers



DIY or.....

Customers

distress call



but.....



Customers

Identifying problem



Allocating responsibility



Carrying out repair

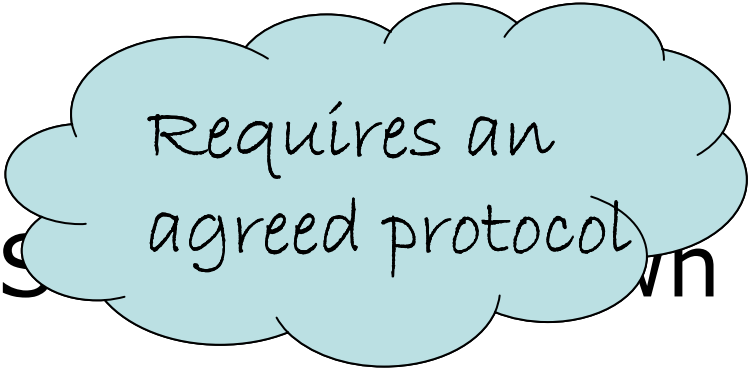




or



Arrangements on site

Scenarios -

1. Customer calls WaSC for responsibility...

2. Customer calls insurance company but WaSC responsibility...

3. Customer calls contractor but WaSC responsibility...


Going forward

We need

- Clarity from Government – timing and scope
- Clear communication to customers – changes, responsibilities, who to call
- Communication to contractors – procurement opportunities
- Protocol for repairs – seamless

Thank you

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Remember -
Respond to the
Defra consultation
7 Oct / 18 Nov