

## **ADVICE NOTE 5 – SEPTIC TANKS**

### **DEVELOPMENT INVOLVING THE CONSTRUCTION OF NEW SEPTIC TANKS**

#### **PLANNING PERMISSION**

Planning permission for any development involving the installation of a new septic tank will only normally be granted where the proposal complies with the Shetland Islands Council's Policy on the siting and design of new septic tanks.

Details of the location of the septic tank and its associated filter and infiltration system should be submitted at the planning application stage and included within the red line of your development.

#### **BUILDING WARRANTS**

The results of a ground assessment, trial hole and percolation test are required to be submitted with applications for building warrants where it is proposed to drain the foul drainage from the development to a septic tank and infiltration system. In order to ensure that your proposal complies with building warrant requirements you should contact the Building Control Service. The Building Control Service can supply standard septic tank details. Building Control Service can be contacted at the Infrastructure Services Department, Grantfield, Lerwick, ZE1 0NT (Tel: 01595 744800).

Attached is a list of bodies and persons authorised by the Council to undertake and certify ground assessment, trial holes and percolation tests.

#### **CONSENT TO DISCHARGE**

Septic tanks may also require a Consent to Discharge under the Control of Pollution Act, 1974. Any queries regarding consent to Discharge or requests for application forms should be directed to SEPA, The Esplanade, Lerwick, ZE1 0LL (Tel: 01595 696926)

#### **WORKS LICENCE**

Sea outfalls will also require a Works Licence under the Zetland County Council Act 1974. Any queries regarding Works Licences or requests for application forms should be directed to Fisheries and Marine Resources Section, Shetland Islands Council Development Department, North Atlantic Fisheries College, Port Arthur, Scalloway (Tel: 01595 772420)

#### **FEPA LICENCE**

A licence under the Food and Environment Protection Act 1988 is also required for sea outfalls. Any queries should be directed to Scottish Executive

Marine Laboratory, PO Box 101, Victoria Road, Aberdeen, AB11 9DB (Tel: 01224876544)

**FOR INFORMATION**

List of bodies and persons authorised by the Council to undertake and certify ground assessment and percolation tests in connection with the siting of new septic tanks.

Arch Henderson & Partners  
Chartered Civil and Structural Engineers  
Stewart Building  
Esplanade  
Lerwick  
ZE1 0LL  
01595 695512

Mr Peter F Bardell  
Consulting engineer  
Nordhus  
North Ness Business Park  
Lerwick  
ZE1 0LZ  
01595 693919

Mr R G Jamieson  
Consulting engineer  
Greista  
Tingwall  
ZE2 9SB  
01595 840476

Mr J Moar  
Chartered Engineer  
63b Gilbertson Road  
Lerwick  
ZE1 0HN  
01595693394

Mott Macdonald  
Consulting Engineers  
Greenhead  
Lerwick  
ZE1 0PY  
01595 695049

Executive Director of Infrastructure Services  
Grantfield  
Lerwick ZE1 0NT