

10 ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION ACT 1990 - RECURRING CHOKED DRAIN AT 7 TO 23 BANK STREET, DUNDEE (AN17-2009)

For several years complaints have been received by the Environmental Health and Trading Standards (EHTS) Department regarding a choked drain in the basement of the abovementioned properties. The waste water and soil waste pipes from the retail and domestic properties above feed into this common drain. The affected drain is approximately 50 metres in length.

An Abatement Notice under section 80 of the Environmental Protection Act, 1990, has been served on all the owners notifying them of the recurring problem. The Notice requires that an investigation be undertaken in order to identify the cause of the blockages and the remedial measures which require to be implemented.

The measures will be difficult to co-ordinate given the complex nature of the problem and the number of owners involved.

In circumstances where there is non-compliance with an Abatement Notice, the Environmental Protection Act, 1990, allows for works to be carried out in default and the cost of such works to be recovered from the owners.

In this situation, however, it is EHTS Department's intention to carry out an initial inspection to establish the remedial action required to rectify the problem. Tenders have been received for this initial stage as follows

	<u>Cost</u>
Drain Doctor	£2880
DCS Group	£1300
Enviro-Clean (Scotland) Ltd	£3280
Harte Utilities	£4750

In addition, costs of £300 for the procurement of the above quotes are payable to the Planning & Transportation's Engineers Section.

It is recommended that the lowest offer from DCS Group be accepted.