



DRAINS

Camera Surveys

We use the services of a trusted third party contractor to undertake camera surveys since this is a specialist area and will often require the clearance of blockages and jetting of the drains prior to the survey commencing. This type of survey has the benefit of accurately identifying the exact location and extent of the fault up to the soil stack or exterior of the building.

Camera surveys have the benefit of establishing the cause of the fault, together with the extent and nature of any repairs to be undertaken. Where appropriate a report containing these details can be provided to assist in any insurance application or in obtaining quotes from other tradesmen.

Smoke Testing

Camera surveys are obviously limited to areas that the camera can access. This means that 'blind junctions' within the drains system or certain areas beyond the main outlets from the building cannot be fully surveyed by this means alone.

Smoke testing of the remainder of the system may therefore be required in order to establish if the fault lies within the fabric of the building itself and beyond the reach of the camera.

Common areas where these types of fault exist are the rear of toilets, locations where soil stacks are vented through loft voids or where new drains have been installed as part of an extension.

If this type of fault is located, we are again able to recommend relevant trades professionals to rectify the fault. Alternatively we are happy to liaise with your own trades people and ensure that effective control measures remain in place until the work is completed.

This type of fault is unlikely to be covered by your buildings insurance.