

## **Buying a Property on a Private Water Supply – Questions to consider.**

### **Where does the water come from?**

- Find out as much as possible about the source of the water supply, such as the type of source (e.g. borehole, spring, open supply such as a burn), its location and the owner of the land. Also try to find out about the nature and location of any associated pipe work, tanks etc.
- Find out who looks after the supply. This might be the landowner or a member of the local community.
- Will you be charged for the water?
- Is there a central treatment plant on the supply?
- Is there any information regarding the quality or quantity of water to be supplied in the deeds of the property?
- Are there times when water is scarce, or the supply dries up altogether? If the owners of the property you are considering purchasing have not been resident there for very long consider speaking to longer term users of the supply.

### **What happens to the water at the property?**

- Find out as much as you can about any pumps and treatment systems? Are there instruction books, maintenance schedules and contacts for parts? Ensure that there is enough room around any treatment to allow for maintenance, for example replacement of Ultra Violet system bulbs and sleeve cleaning can be very awkward if the design has not been well thought out.
- Ensure that treatment is 'point of entry' rather than 'point of use'. It is not sufficient to have only one tap within a property which is safe to drink.
- Grants may be available to help upgrade the water supply, please contact us for information.
- We welcome requests for further information or to discuss a specific supply; please do not hesitate to contact us.

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