

### 3.4 Approval Routes

The UCDM is used for utility corridors allocation during the planning stages of new streets as part of the UPC Urban Development Review Process, and also for existing streets (infrastructure retrofitting) as part of the Municipalities' Notice of Intent (NOI) and No Objection Certificate (NOC) Processes.

The development type and approval process route for utility corridors allocation is highlighted in Figure 3.4.

#### 3.4.1 New Streets

Utility corridors allocation for new streets is reviewed as part of the UPC Urban Development Review Process (Urban Development Review Stream)

which consists of two stages: Concept and Detailed submissions. The Urban Development Review Process covers both Master Plan and Project developments:

- **Master Plans** are developments that may consist of multiple buildings with street networks and community facilities.
- **Projects** consist of a single building, or multiple buildings with a connected podium, with no road networks. A Project may, however, be bounded by adjacent streets.

Utility corridors allocations must be submitted in line with the submission requirements of the Utilities section of the Urban Development Review Stream. For details, visit [www.upc.gov.ae](http://www.upc.gov.ae).

#### 3.4.2 Existing Streets

Utility corridors allocation within existing streets is reviewed as part of Infrastructure Retrofitting (as described in Section 3.3), which follows NOI and NOC processes for the applicable Municipality (ADM, AAM and WRM).

In developing the utility corridors allocation, every effort shall be made to abide by the procedures and requirements as defined by the Town Planning departments of the applicable Municipality. Submissions will be assessed against the requirements and flexibility of the UCDM. Request for exceptions from the UCDM requirements may be passed by the applicable Municipality to the UPC for approval.

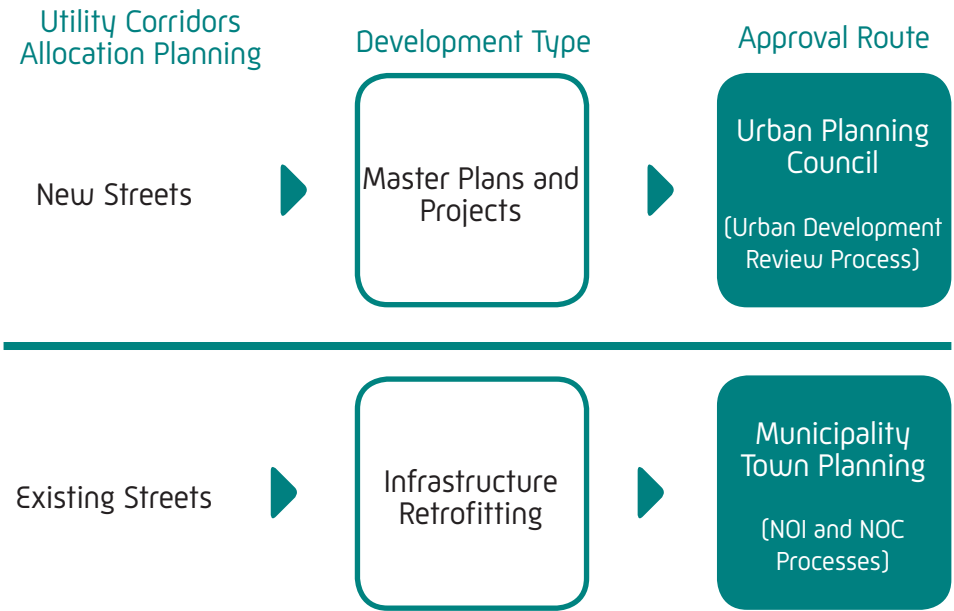


Figure 3.4: Approval routes for utility corridors planning