

SAUP. The Final Design NOC is obtained upon the approval of the final design details/drawings/specifications.

Construction NOC: The contractor requests for the Construction NOC before the commencement of the construction works. The Construction NOC can only be obtained after the issuance of the Final Design NOC.

## **2.2 Service Authorities and Utility Providers**

Depending on the nature and requirements of the defined construction and maintenance works related activities, the NOCs are to be obtained from different SAUP. In the following section, an introduction of some SAUP is provided along with their contact details.

There are three main authorities namely Urban Planning Council, Abu Dhabi Department of Municipal Affairs and DoT who control and manage the planning, design, construction and maintenance related activities associated with utilities and service corridors within ROW. The service corridors within the Main roads ROW are managed by DoT, whereas, the activities related to operations and maintenance of utilities are managed and controlled by the utility providers.

### **2.2.1 Abu Dhabi Urban Planning Council**

In the emirate of Abu Dhabi, UPC is the agency responsible for the future of Abu Dhabi's urban and regional environments. The UPC defines the shape of human settlements in the Emirate, ensuring factors such as sustainability, infrastructure capacity, community planning and quality of life, by overseeing development in the cities and the Emirate as a whole.

NOC are required from the UPC for ROW and utility corridors. These NOC are obtained on the basis of the planning guidelines developed by the UPC. ADM also requires the NOC from UPC to process their final NOC.

The urban areas including the future planned developments shall adopt guidelines set out in the USDM and the UCDM, for urban streets and utility corridors. These form part of the UPC's Development regulations as key tools for implementation of the 2030 plans for all three Municipalities making up the Emirate of Abu Dhabi.

### **2.2.2 Department of Municipal Affairs**

The Department of Municipal Affairs (DMA) is responsible for providing comprehensive services to the public and ensuring proper planning of the developing cities within the Emirate of Abu Dhabi. DMA comprises of three municipalities i.e. ADM, AAM and WRM.

ADM includes the Town Planning Sector (TPS) and Municipal Infrastructure and Asset Sector (MIAS), which play significant role to control the activities associated with the design, construction and maintenance of different utilities.

#### **2.2.2.1 Town Planning Sector**

Amongst the functionalities of TPS, the main functions are related to design, construction and maintenance of utilities, which are executed through its Urban Planning Division (UPD) and Parks and Recreation Facilities Division (PRFD). The functions related to TPS are: