



Wessex Water Services Limited
2023-24 Indicative charges for New Connection Services

Introduction

This document sets out our indicative charges for new connection services.

We are committed to being fully transparent in the process of setting our charges. We want to ensure that we are providing full and early visibility of what we are expecting to charge over 2023-24. However, these are indicative charges only and should not be relied on. Our final charges will be published no later than the 1st February and will likely vary from these indicative charges as a result of final inflation figures and any other new information that becomes available before publication.

We have allocated time for informal discussions on 13th December, 10-12am and welcome any appointment bookings or feedback on these indicative charges to developer.services@wessexwater.co.uk.

Table 3-1 Charges payable for asset plans and viability studies

Charge item	Charge unit	Charge
Extract of our network map (i.e., map of existing sewers or mains) – printed or sent electronically	Each	£15
Extract of company's network map (i.e., map of existing sewers or mains) – online access	Each	FREE
Pre-Planning Enquiry Response - to confirm whether capacity can be provided by us in line with the proposed development programme	per enquiry	FREE
Site Specific charge for the verification of Odour Modelling	per enquiry	£1,092

Table 3-2 Abortive and additional visit charges

Charge item	Charge unit	Charge
Any abortive site visit	per visit	£69 + any relevant costs
Additional site inspections	per visit	£147
If site is not ready, standing time for standard 3-man gang	per hour	£166
If site is not ready, abortive fees for standard 3-man gang	each visit	£2,537
If site is not ready, remobilisation charges for standard 3-man gang	as required	£1,269

**Table 4-1 Service connection administration charges (non-contestable)
Section 45**

Charge item	Charge unit	Charge
Administration and application fee where Wessex Water makes the connection (first connection)	per connection	£115
Administration and application fee where Wessex Water makes the connection (each subsequent connection)	per connection	£32
Administration fee where an Accredited Third Party makes the connection (first connection)	per connection	£38
Administration fee where an Accredited Third Party makes the connection (each subsequent connection)	per connection	£26
Trench inspections (where we inspect service pipes laid by others)	per trench	£43

Table 4-2 Service connection charges (contestable) Section 45

Charge item	Charge unit	Charge
Point of connection enquiry (where the customer has not selected the point of connection)	per enquiry	FREE
Design of service connection (where contestable)	per application	FREE
With Excavation by Wessex Water:		
* Connection (≤ 32 mm diameter) to main including supply and installation of meter & meter box & up to 2 linear metres of service pipe	per connection	£857
* Additional connection (≤ 32 mm diameter) - No Excavation required	per connection	£198
* Connection (> 32 mm diameter) to main including supply and installation of meter & meter box & up to 2 linear metres of service pipe	per connection	£1,420
* Additional connection (> 32 mm diameter) - No Excavation required	per connection	£794
Supply and lay additional communication pipe in Verge/Unmade Ground (reinstate where required)	per linear metre	£238
Supply and lay additional communication pipe in Footpath (reinstate where required)	per linear metre	£394
Supply and lay additional communication pipe in Road (reinstate where required)	per linear metre	£492
Manifold Connection by means of four port manifold (four connections) including up to 2 linear metres of communication pipe	per manifold	£1,728
Manifold Connection by means of six port manifold (six connections) including up to 2 linear metres of communication pipe	per manifold	£1,773
With Excavation by Others:		
* Connection (≤ 32 mm diameter) to main (including supply and installation of meter & meter box)	per connection	£254
* Additional connection (≤ 32 mm diameter) - No Excavation required	per connection	£198
* Connection (> 32 mm diameter) to main (including supply and installation of meter & meter box)	per connection	£850
* Additional connection (> 32 mm diameter) - No Excavation required	per connection	£794
Manifold Connection by means of four port manifold (four connections)	per manifold	£1,158
Manifold Connection by means of six port manifold (six connections)	per manifold	£1,203
Other Applicable Charges:		
Supply and lay additional communication pipe without excavation	per linear metre	£33
Supply 15mm meter (non-AMR)	per meter	£39
Supply 15mm meter (AMR)	per meter	£82
Install and commission meter and/or meter box - labour only, components not included (only for meter types that necessitate a non-contestable delivery)	per meter	£28
Connection charge for building water (if not metered)	per plot	£84
Traffic management fees		Table 9
Road closure fees		Table 9

* Connections are contestable unless the work would present heightened risk to existing assets or could affect supplies to existing customers. Our definition of heightened risk is set out and reviewed annually as part of the Contestability Summary. This can be found in the technical guidance documents [here](#).

Table 4-3 Disconnection charges (non-contestable) Section 62

Charge item	Charge unit	Charge
Permanent disconnection for domestic properties	each	FREE

Water supply requisitions and water main diversions

Where you requisition a water supply main or request a water supply main diversion (under sections 41 or 185 of the Water Industry Act 1991) we will offer you a price for the scheme based on the fixed charges set out in the charging arrangements if it is reasonable for us to do so.

Where the included works are affected by external factors outside our control, are subject to known or unknown site-specific risks and uncertainties or involve a degree of complexity in delivering the scheme which would make it unreasonable for us to provide an upfront charge we will provide you with a high-level bespoke estimate.

The high-level bespoke estimate will be designed to fairly recover the costs incurred in delivering the scheme. It will consist of a brief description of the works involved and a site-specific budget price estimate for the whole scheme, taking into account the level of detail and information available to us at the time.

Should you decide to proceed with the scheme, based on the bespoke estimate, it will be delivered on a rechargeable basis with any savings achieved returned to you and any additional costs incurred payable by you.

Instances where you will be offered a bespoke price estimate include, but are not limited to:

- Laying of water mains:
 - 300mm or greater in diameter, or
 - involving valve complexes.
- Where entry to lay or access to the pipe is required through:
 - land in multiple ownership or occupation;
 - land designated or planned for premium use;
 - land subject to protracted negotiation or dispute; and
 - land owned by a protected undertaker (e.g. land owned by Network Rail or the Crown, rivers or motorways).
- Where laying the main would involve crossing a river or motorway.
- Where we are unable to serve statutory notice for the works or require the consent of a 'protected undertaker'. E.g. crossing land owned by Network Rail, the Ministry of Justice, the Ministry of Defence or the Crown.
- Where ground conditions are particularly difficult (e.g. excavation of rock or artificially hard material) or require temporary or specialist works.
- Where the work to be carried out is close to or in land with particular environmental, historical or archaeological characteristics or in a flood plain.
- Where services or other utility assets (including our own) are discovered or known to be located in close proximity.
- Where the works involved are subject to third party or consenting authority restrictions, constraints or refusals (such as night working).
- Where road closures affect major junctions or where high speed traffic management is required.

There may be occasions where providing an indicative estimate is not possible or where the estimate will not meet the degree of confidence desired by you. In such cases, we will discuss with you the best way to proceed.

Table 5-1 Providing a public main as a Section 41 requisition (non-contestable) Section 41

Charge item	Charge unit	Charge
Mains administration and application fee	per application	£92
Mains design checking fee (applied whether design is done by us or third party)	per requisition	£255
Mains connection for connecting 49 properties or less that involves heightened risk to existing assets or could affect supplies to existing customers	per connection	£3,785
Mains connection for connecting 50 properties or more that involves heightened risk to existing assets or could affect supplies to existing customers (including the cost of supplying and fitting a meter for leakage monitoring requirements and associated valves and hydrants)	per connection	£6,840
Laying of additional mains where required to connect to nearest water main		Table 5-2

Table 5-2 Providing a public main as a Section 41 requisition (contestable) Section 41

Charge item	Charge unit	Charge
Point of connection enquiry (where the customer has not selected the point of connection)	per enquiry	FREE
Mains design fee (excluding checking fee)	per requisition	£474
Re-design fee where layout subsequently amended	per request	£258
Excavation by Others - Supply and lay pipe	per linear metre	£90
Excavation by Wessex Water - Supply and lay additional pipe in Verge/Unmade Ground	per linear metre	£142
Excavation by Wessex Water - Supply and lay additional pipe in Footpath	per linear metre	£177
Excavation by Wessex Water - Supply and lay additional pipe in Road	per linear metre	£262
Land entry agreements including compensation and legal fees	per linear metre	£28
Providing a booster where a customer desires guaranteed pressure greater than 0.7 bar at any point on the site	per booster	£165,108
Routine in-line mains connections (second connection of main in case of diversion)	per connection	£661
Pressure testing	per test	£481
Chlorination	per phase	£339
Sampling and undertaking standard analysis	per sample	£171
Traffic management fees		Table 9
Road closure fees		Table 9

Table 5-3 Adopting self-laid mains (non-contestable) Section 51

Charge item	Charge unit	Charge
Pre-commencement fee	per application	FREE
Re-inspection fee	per site visit	FREE
Legal agreement fee (for new agreements or reassessments of previous assessments)	per adoption	FREE
Service connection administration fees (where an SLP is providing these)	per connection	Table 4-1
(Excavate), supply and lay pipe (and reinstate where required)		Tables 5-1

Table 5-4 Adopting self-laid mains (contestable) Section 51

Charge item	Charge unit	Charge
Mains design fee (excluding checking fee)	per design request	£474
(Excavate), supply and lay pipe (and reinstate where required)		Table 5-2

Table 5-5 Diverting water mains (contestable and non-contestable) Section 185

Charge item	Charge unit	Charge
Administration and Application fee	per application	£165
Design fee (where a main is to be diverted) (refundable in part)	per design	£2,107
Technical assessment fee (where the design for the diversion is provided by the customer)	per assessment	£252
Inspection fee (where the diversion work is provided by the customer)	per inspection	£248
Disconnection/reconnection of main (shut off)	per connection	£1,226
Disconnection/reconnection of main (line stop)	per connection	£5,665
Decommissioning redundant communication pipe	per linear metre	£30
Reinstatement of ground for washout/sluice valve installation	each	£198
(Excavate), supply and lay pipe (and reinstate where required)		Tables 5-1 & 5-2

Table 6-1 Sewer connection charges (contestable and non-contestable) Section 106 & 107

Charge item	Charge unit	Charge
Administration, Application & technical approval fee	per application	£78
Connection by means of a Y-junction or saddle (including materials)	per connection	£440
Inspection of a connection via a new manhole	per application	£111
Inspection of a connection via an existing manhole	per application	£55

Wastewater requisitions and sewer diversions

Where you requisition a sewer or request a sewer diversion from us (under sections 98 or 185 of the Water Industry Act 1991) we will continue to offer you a price for the scheme based on the fixed charges set out in the charging arrangements if the construction work required is simple. That is:

- The total length of sewer (gravity and pumped) is less than 100m in length.
- Any gravity sewer is no more than 300mm in diameter or deeper than 3m.
- Any pumped sewer is no more than 80mm in diameter or deeper than 1.5m.
- The ground conditions require no temporary or specialist works.
- All waste excavated is classified as inert.
- Where entry to lay or access the pipe is through land that:
 - Is owned and occupied by a single legal interest;
 - Is scrubland, moorland or bare agricultural land which is pasture or arable; and
 - Has no hope of development premium value.
- Where we are able to serve statutory notice for the works and do not require the consent of a 'protected undertaker'.

Where the included works are affected by external factors outside our control, are subject to known and unknown site-specific risks and uncertainties or involve a degree of complexity in delivering the scheme which would make it unreasonable for us to provide you with an upfront charge, we will work with you using our stage gate process.

Examples of where our staged gate process shall apply include, but are not limited to:

- The laying of sewers involving any of:
 - pumping stations or treatment works;
 - the disposal of waste other than inert;
 - the location and diversion of other services;
 - work where ground conditions are particularly difficult (e.g. excavation of rock or artificially hard material) or require temporary or specialist works;
 - over pumping of existing flows;
 - dewatering of ground water;
 - the provision of site security;
 - work where the construction period is greater than 12 months;
 - work with restricted access;
 - work with constraints such as night working or other restrictions;
 - work being carried out close to or in land with environmental, historical or archaeological characteristics or in a flood plain;
 - where road closures affect major junctions or where high-speed traffic management is appropriate;
 - where entry to lay or access the pipe is required through:
 - land in multiple ownership or occupation;
 - land consisting of residential or non-residential gardens and amenity use;
 - land consisting of woodland, market gardens, allotments or a specialist agricultural use;
 - land designated or planned for premium use; and
 - land subject to protracted negotiation or dispute.
 - where laying the main would involve crossing a river or motorway;
 - where we are unable to serve statutory notice for the works or require the consent of a 'protected undertaker'. E.g. crossing land owned by Network Rail, the Ministry of Justice, the Ministry of Defence or the Crown.

Table 7-1 Providing a public sewer or lateral drain (non-contestable) Section 98

Charge item	Charge unit	Charge
Administration & Application fee	per application	£324
Point of connection enquiry (where the customer has not selected the point of connection)	per requisition	FREE

Table 7-2 Requisition charges for new public sewers (contestable) Section 98

Charge item	Charge unit	Charge
Gravity Sewer - Supply and lay ≤225mm diameter pipe at ≤3m depth - Excavation by Water Company (reinstate where required)		
In field	per linear metre	£905
In made ground		£1,178
In road		£1,619
Gravity Sewer - Supply and lay >225mm & ≤300mm diameter pipe at ≤3m depth - Excavation by Water Company (reinstate where required)		
In field	per linear metre	£960
In made ground		£1,240
In road		£1,651
Pumped Sewer - Supply and lay 80mm diameter pipe at ≤1.5m depth - Excavation by Water Company (reinstate where required)		
In field	per linear metre	£635
In made ground		£712
In road		£1,166
Design & Installation of Sustainable Drainage Scheme (SuDS)	per scheme	Price on Application
Land entry agreements including compensation and legal fees	per linear metre	£28
Traffic management fees		Table 9
Road closure fees		Table 9
Decommissioning redundant pipe (if diverting a sewer under a section 185 diversion)	per linear metre	£30

Table 7-3 Adopting existing sewerage assets (non-contestable) Section 102

Charge item	Charge unit	Charge
Administration & Application fee	per application	£111
Technical approval	per application	£486
Inspection	per application	£469
Pumping Station compliance fee	per pumping station	£1,252
Land transfer fee	per agreement	£1,008
Pumping Station telemetry provision via cellular communications, as compliant with Design and Construction Guide (DCG) and Wessex Water's Associated Addendum	per installation	£2,666
Pumping Station telemetry provision for sites with no cellular communications and/or multiple inhibit links, as compliant with Design and Construction Guide (DCG) and Wessex Water's Associated Addendum	per installation	Price on Application
Excavate supply and lay pipe (and reinstate where required)		Table 7-2

Table 7-4 Adopting new sewerage assets (non-contestable) Section 104

Charge item	Charge unit	Charge
Administration & Application fee	per application	£139
Technical approval (Initial Submission)	per application	£518
Technical approval (Subsequent submissions)	per re-submission of application	£207
Adoption compliance fee - for our estimated construction cost <£50k	fixed cost (up to 2 inspections per month)	£1,138
Adoption compliance fee - for our estimated construction cost £50k - £100k	fixed cost (up to 2 inspections per month)	£2,731
Adoption compliance fee - for our estimated construction cost £100k - £1m	fixed cost (up to 2 inspections per month)	£4,324
Adoption compliance fee - for our estimated construction cost >£1m	fixed cost based on our estimated construction cost	0.40%
Pumping Station adoption compliance fee	per pumping station	£1,252
SUDS Adoption compliance fee	per SUDS	Price on Application
Legal agreement fee (for new agreements or reassessments of previous assessments)	per agreement or per adoption	£461
Deed of grant fee	per agreement	£803
Land transfer fee	per agreement	£1,008
Surety or deposit (if appropriate) (refundable in part)	percentage of our estimated construction cost	10% or minimum of £5,000
Pumping Station telemetry provision via cellular communications, as compliant with Design and Construction Guide (DCG) and Wessex Water's Associated Addendum	per installation	£2,666
Pumping Station telemetry provision for sites with no cellular communications and/or multiple inhibit links, as compliant with Design and Construction Guide (DCG) and Wessex Water's Associated Addendum	per installation	Price on Application
Sewer connection		Table 6-1
Excavate supply and lay pipe (and reinstate where required)		Table 7-2

Table 7-5 Diverting a public sewer asset – major or minor diversion (non-contestable)
Section 185

Charge item	Charge unit	Charge
Administration & Application fee (includes letter of agreement)	per application	£117
Technical assessment fee (where the design for the diversion is provided by the customer)	per assessment	£318
Appraisal fee (where we divert a critical or major sewer) (refundable in part)	per appraisal	£2,000
Inspection fee (where the diversion work is provided by the customer)	per site	£443
Pumping Station compliance fee (for option 2 diversions)	per pumping station	£1,252
Land transfer fee	per agreement	£1,008
Surety or deposit (if appropriate)	percentage of our estimated construction cost	10% or minimum of £500 for minor diversion, or minimum of £5,000 for major diversion
Pumping Station telemetry provision via cellular communications, as compliant with Design and Construction Guide (DCG) and Wessex Water's Associated Addendum - only chargeable under option 2 diversions where developer builds pumping station	per installation	£2,666
Pumping Station telemetry provision for sites with no cellular communications and/or multiple inhibit links, as compliant with Design and Construction Guide (DCG) and Wessex Water's Associated Addendum - only chargeable under option 2 diversions where developer builds pumping station	per installation	Price on Application
Excavate supply and lay pipe (and reinstate where required) or decommission redundant pipe		Table 7-2

Table 8-1 Water infrastructure charges Section 146

Charge item	Charge unit	Charge
Infrastructure credits to account for relevant use within the last five years	Number of credits	-£174
Infrastructure charges due for the development	Charge per dwelling	£174
Relevant multiplier charges due for the development	Charge based on fittings	RM x £174
Income offset	% reduction	49%

Table 8-2 Sewerage infrastructure charges Section 146

Charge item	Charge unit	Charge
Infrastructure credits to account for relevant use within the last five years	Number of credits	-£744
Infrastructure charge due for development (no surface water abatement)	Charge per dwelling	£744
Relevant multiplier due for the development	Charge based on fittings (calculated by reference to table 8-3)	RM x £744
Infrastructure charge for schemes with the inclusion of an agreed SuDS scheme that attenuates the flow of surface water into our existing or proposed network	Charge per dwelling	£372
Infrastructure charge for schemes that commit to zero surface water discharge into our existing or proposed network	Charge per dwelling	£74
Income offset	% reduction	17%

Working in the Road

The below table of charges concerning working in the road is more detailed than we have used previously. This is to reflect the increased use of these activities and their costs across jobs, in alignment with highway regulations to increase safety.

Table 9 Traffic management & road closure charges

Charge item	Charge unit	Charge
Road closure and permit fees *	Per charges published at the time by Highway authority area and local council	On application or check the relevant website for information
Road closure - signage	Per closure	£521
Traffic management permit *	Per charges published at the time by Highway authority area and local council	On application or check the relevant website for information
Person in attendance for traffic management **	Per day	£274
Suspend / bag off pedestrian crossing	Per crossing	£510
Suspend / bag off traffic lights	Per job	£740
Temporary 2 way lights	Per job	£183
Temporary multiway lights	Per job	£223
Designated parking bay suspension	Per job	£196
Temporary pedestrian crossing system	Per job	£751
Electronic variable message sign	Per week	£534

*Permit fees are set locally by each council and highway authority and vary considerably. Therefore, the appropriate charges, consistent with those published at the time of your application, will be added to your quote.

** This is a highways requirement. At the time we provide an initial quote, we may not be aware if the highway authority will require a person in attendance. Therefore, if this is required you will be informed and invoiced separately for this. The "person in attendance" is provided by our traffic management provider and is fully trained/qualified to do this work.

Please visit your local highway authority's website for more details of their fees. Any terms and conditions they apply to their charges will be passed through to you where appropriate, for example: applying a Highway Permit, fees for cancellation, variations or rescheduling of permits. At the time of our publication, there are a range of permit fees: £0-£130 and for road closures: £60-£345 depending on the highway authority and the type of road.

Additionally for road closures, the council charges to apply a Temporary Traffic Restriction Order (TTRO). At the time of publication, examples are: Dorset £460 and Wiltshire £1,473. Please visit your council website for further details and their terms and conditions which we will pass through to you.

If you need any assistance finding Highways or Council permit fees, please contact us.

Where you require an expedited acceleration of the approvals of a road closure, where applicable and permitted by the relevant Highways Authority, a separate charge will be invoiced as a pass-through cost (currently costs vary up to £1000). In such cases, the timing of the approval of the road closure remains at the discretion of the Highways department and is not guaranteed.