

Developer Services Schedule of Charges

Appendix: Contestable and Non-contestable Services

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Contestable services

Developers have a choice of who carries out certain activities on their sites. This is known as contestable work, and means that either the water company or another entity can carry out the activities. In certain cases, in order to meet our statutory obligations we will need to undertake the work ourselves. This document provides a list of contestable services, which can be carried out by others. Relevant charges can be found in the Developer Services Schedule of Charges published alongside this document.

In addition to the options presented below, services relating to the provision of new water mains and sewers can also be provided by third party companies called New Appointments and Variations (NAVs). Further details on the NAV market are available on Ofwat's website.

Water

Charge	Description	Service	Comments
Water network modelling		Non-contestable	Where there is a potential requirement for network reinforcement as a result of a development, modelling, which shall be funded by the developer, may be required to determine the impact and the scope of any such works.
Water requisitions		Contestable	Water main laying is a contestable activity where there is no reinforcement work being carried out as part of the scheme, and where Welsh Water are not required to serve a land entry notice. Where a water main is laid by the developer, this will normally be done under a Self-Lay Agreement.
Water diversions		Contestable	Works must be delivered by an accredited Self Lay Provider in line with a self-lay agreement. Elements of the work which directly affect our network may be deemed non-contestable and need to be undertaken by Welsh Water. Where work is delivered by an accredited Self-Lay Provider, an administration charge will be applicable.
Water connections		Contestable	Works must be delivered by an accredited Self Lay Provider in line with a self-lay agreement. Elements of the work which directly affect our network may be deemed non-contestable and need to be undertaken by Welsh Water. Where work is delivered by an accredited Self-Lay Provider, an administration charge will be applicable.
Written pre-planning response		Non-contestable	

Water cont.

Charge	Description	Service	Comments
Asset location surveys - water	Site visit and above ground (non-intrusive) survey	Contestable	
	Undertake survey of water main for location purposes	Non-contestable	
	Trial hole investigations	Contestable	This will be entirely at our discretion and the usual assumption should be that Welsh Water will need to undertake the works to protect the integrity of the network and the asset. Where the work is undertaken by a party other than Welsh Water this will be dependent on the provision of appropriate risk assessments, method statements and proof of competency for the entity proposing to undertake the works.
	Supervision fee	Non-contestable	
New water connections	Administration fee	Non-contestable	
	Connections	Contestable	Self-lay charges would become applicable
	Land entry	Contestable	Note that this would be contestable should the developer choose to undertake the scheme under self-lay only.
	Road closure	Contestable	Note that this would be contestable should the developer choose to undertake the scheme under self-lay only.
	Abortive visit	Non-contestable	
	Road opening permit	Contestable	Note that this would be contestable should the developer choose to undertake the scheme under self-lay only.
	Additional traffic management	Contestable	Note that this would be contestable should the developer choose to undertake the scheme under self-lay only.
	New connection quality inspection	Non-contestable	
	Abortive trench inspection	Non-contestable	
	Remedial work	Non-contestable	

Wastewater

Charge	Description	Service	Comments
Sewer network modelling		Non-contestable	Where there is a potential requirement for network reinforcement as a result of a development, modelling, which shall be funded by the developer, may be required to determine the impact and the scope of any such works.
Sewer requisitions		Contestable	Sewer laying is contestable where there is no reinforcement work being carried out as part of the scheme, and where Welsh Water are not required to serve a land entry notice. Where a sewer is laid by the developer, this will normally be done under a Sewer Adoption Agreement (see below).
Diversions of sewers and lateral drains		Contestable	Where the work is undertaken by a Developer Customer, Welsh Water will charge a supervision fee only. The supervision fee is non-contestable. In certain circumstances, we may require that we undertake some or all of the works ourselves to protect the integrity of our network, where the diversion works are directly affected by our network's operation, or where there are environmental risks presents. Any associated legal charges will also be non contestable.
Sewer connections		Contestable	Where the work is undertaken by a Developer Customer, Welsh Water will charge a supervision fee only. The supervision fee is non-contestable. In certain circumstances, we may require that we undertake some or all of the works ourselves to protect the integrity of our network, where the connection works are directly affected by our network's operation, or where there are environmental risks presents.
Written pre-planning response		Non-contestable	

Wastewater cont.

Charge	Description	Service	Comments
Asset location surveys – waste	CCTV survey	Contestable	Subject to proof of accreditation.
	Trial hole investigations	Contestable	Provided it is a non-pressurised main and we have no concerns about its condition, third parties may be able to undertake these works. This will however be at Welsh Water's discretion. Where the work is undertaken by a party other than Welsh Water this will be dependant on the provision of appropriate risk assessments, method statements and proof of competency for the entity proposing to undertake the works.
Agreement to build over/near to a public sewer/ lateral drain		Non-contestable	Whilst the work is contestable, the charge is for the administration, and is therefore non-contestable.
Sewer adoption agreements (including pumping station agreements and lateral drains)		Non-contestable	Whilst the work is contestable, the charge is for the administration and commissioning, and is therefore non-contestable. Any associated legal charges will also be non-contestable.

Self-lay

Charge	Description	Service	Comments
Self-lay charges	Legal agreement	Non-contestable	
	Point of connection application	Non-contestable	
	Connections	Contestable	Whilst the work is contestable, the charges for the administration are non-contestable.