# **Developer services**



WWDS-S98-4

Your guide to Wessex Water delivered requisitions

#### Introduction

# What is a Wessex Water delivered requisition (WWDR)?

If you are a developer in the Wessex Water region and would like to requisition an offsite foul or surface water sewer through third-party land to serve your development, you have two options available to you as set out below.

# **Developer requests requisition**



Option 1



Option 2

Wessex Water delivered requisition Developer delivered requisition

## Option 1 Wessex Water delivered requisition

Subject to contract you may request that we design and lay an offsite sewer for you through third party land using our statutory powers of entry. This option is referred to as a Wessex Water delivered requisition (WWDR) and is described in further detail in this quide.

#### **Option 2 Developer delivered requisition**

Subject to contract and you and your proposed requisition meeting certain prescribed conditions, we offer the opportunity for you to design and lay offsite sewers yourself through third-party land using our statutory powers of entry. This option referred to as a Developer delivered requisition (DDR), is described in a separate guide available on our website. (WWDS-S98-3 Guide to Wessex Water developer delivered requisitions.)

#### Benefits of a Wessex Water delivered requisition

Our WWDR offering is designed to give you the confidence and assurance that comes with trusting us to provide your offsite sewer scheme. Designing and laying sewers is one of our core competencies and part of our regulatory undertaking.

You may find that placing responsibility for offsite construction with us enables you to focus on your onsite activities at your proposed development.

Regardless of the choice you make we are happy to assist you with the option that works best for you.



#### Legal and regulatory framework

The regulatory description of our WWDR requisition offering can be found in our charging arrangements, available on our website:

Please see our 2021-22 New connection services charging arrangements publication at wessexwater.co.uk/developercharges

Site specific arrangements for all requisitions are subject to be poke contractual agreements.

### **How Wessex Water delivered requisitions work.**

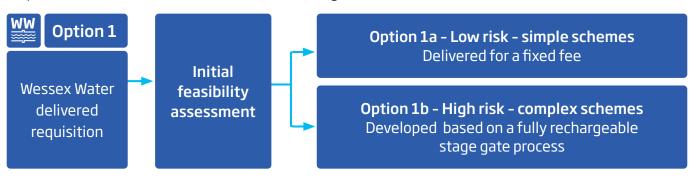
Depending on the size and complexity of your proposed requisition, our charging arrangements prescribe two different routes for a WWDR.

To determine which route is applicable for your proposed requisition we will need to carry out an initial feasibility assessment for your scheme, which you will need to pay for. We will advise you how much to pay when you make your application.

Where your proposed requisition is assessed as being simple in nature and we have a reasonable understanding

of the risks and uncertainties involved in delivering your project, we will offer to deliver your scheme for a fixed fee based on upfront charges published in our charging arrangements.

Where your proposed requisition is assessed as complex in nature and involves site-specific risks or uncertainties that would make it unreasonable for us to deliver the scheme based on a fixed upfront charge, we will offer to deliver your requisition based on a fully rechargeable stage gate process.



Criteria for determining whether a scheme is simple or complex in nature is set out in our charging arrangements. A summary of the assessment criteria used is set out below.

# Simple scheme assessment criteria

#### Sewer

<100m in length

#### Gravity sewer

- < 300mm diameter and
- <3m deep

## Pumped sewer

- < 80mm diameter and
- <1.5m deep

Ground conditions require no temporary or specialist works

All waste excavated classified as inert

Entry to lay or access the pipe is through land:

- owned and occupied by a single legal interest
- that is scrubland, moorland or bare agricultural land which is pasture or arable
- that has no development premium or hope value
- where we are able to serve statutory notice
- that does not require the consent of a 'protected undertaker'

# Complex scheme assessment criteria

Includes but not limited to instances where proposed works are:

- a Outside of the simple assessment criteria.
- **b** Affected by external factors outside our control
- **c** Subject to known or unknown site specific risks and uncertainties
- **d** Involve any of the following:
  - pumping stations or treatment works
  - the location and diversion of other services
  - particularly difficult ground conditions (eg, excavation of rock or artificially hard material)
  - require temporary or specialist works
  - over pumping of existing flows
  - dewatering of groundwater
  - the provision of security
  - a construction period > 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
  - requires road closures affecting national speed limit roads or major junctions
  - entry to lay or access the pipe is required through land consisting of:
    - residential or non-residential gardens and amenity use
    - woodland, market gardens, allotments, or a specialist agricultural use
  - land designated or planned for premium use
  - land involving crossing a river or motorway.

# The Wessex Water delivered requisition process

## Option 1a Low-risk simple scheme process

If your proposed requisition is assessed as meeting the criteria for a simple low risk scheme, we will provide you with an agreement setting out our terms and conditions and the fixed fee you will need to pay upfront and in full for us to proceed with the delivery of your scheme.

On execution of the agreement and receipt of your scheme fee we will begin the design and delivery of your scheme.

Note: Our undertaking to deliver your scheme for a fixed fee is conditional on the specification, assumptions, conditions, and exclusions set out in our agreement.

# Option 1b High-risk complex scheme process

An overview of the four-step stage gate process for delivering WWDRs assessed as being high risk or complex schemes is set out below.

Stage 1



**Application** 





Produce feasibility proposal and requisition agreement

Stage 2



Sign agreement and commission outline design



Produce outline design proposal

Stage 3



Sign variation agreement and commission detailed design.





Produce detailed design proposal

Stage 4



Sign variation agreement and instruct construction





Construction

# Finish (Refund / settlement)



#### Stage 1

This is the start of the process where you make your application and pay a deposit for carrying out the feasibility assessment.

On receipt of your application and payment we will carry out a feasibility assessment of your scheme and produce:

- a high-level feasibility stage/design proposal
- a budget cost estimate for delivering the whole scheme
- an indicative high-level programme for the scheme
- the outline design fee for carrying out the next stage of the scheme.

We will also produce an agreement setting out our terms and conditions for our engagement with you on this scheme.

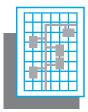


### Stage 2

If you wish to appoint us to proceed with developing the next stage of the scheme you will be required to sign the agreement and pay the outline design fee.

On receipt of your signed agreement and outline design fee we will carry out the outline design and produce:

- an outline design stage/design proposal,
- a revised cost estimate for delivery of the scheme
- a revised programme
- the fee for the next stage/detailed design.



#### Stage 3

If you wish us to continue to the next stage, you will need to sign a variation agreement which admits the outline design/design proposal as the design proposal for the agreement between us. (This replaces the feasibility stage/design proposal.) You will also need to send us a notice to proceed to the next stage which includes confirmation that you have paid the detailed design fee.

On receipt of your signed variation agreement and notice to proceed we will carry out the detailed design which includes seeking all necessary permits and consents to deliver the scheme. We will produce:

- a detailed design/design proposal
- a revised cost estimate for delivery of the scheme,
- a revised programme
- the fee for the next stage/construction



# Stage 4

If you wish us to continue to the next stage, you will need to sign a variation agreement which admits the detailed design/design proposal as the design proposal for the agreement between us. (This replaces the outline design/design proposal). You will also need to send us a notice to proceed to the next stage which includes confirmation that you have paid the construction fee.

On receipt of your signed variation agreement and notice to proceed we will carry out the construction.

On completion of the construction, we will produce a balancing account for the scheme identifying any refunds or balancing payments falling due.

#### **Further information**

Further information is available by consulting out New connection services charging arrangements or contacting us using the details below.

#### **Contact us**

Should you have any queries please contact us:

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