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Your project reference number: DS0022947

23/05/2019

Dear Mr. Colin Marks

Thank you for contacting us about your new water connections at Widford Parish Council Allotments.

Based upon the information provided in your application, we have set out below the services which we understand are required for your project. The rates for services shown in the tables below have been taken from our published [Charging Arrangements document for the 2019/20](#). Please refer to our Charging Arrangements document on our website for more information about our charge rates, and the circumstances under which these rates are fixed.

So that you can choose who provides your connections services, we have separated the contestable work from the other services. Contestable work is open to competition and can be provided by alternative connections providers rather than the water company. Work that the water company must carry out is referred to as non-contestable, and this includes some works on the existing network, for example.

Some of the items on this quote may not be covered by the Charging Arrangements for New Connections Services 2019/2020. In these cases, we have estimated the costs using the same methodology and will carry out a reconciliation of the costs at the end of the works, so that we only pass on to you the actual costs of these items.

You have already paid: £180.00

Total amount outstanding for your project: £12,884.40

Summary of the charges:

Revision 3:

Item	Charge / Credit	Description
Contestable Services	£12,724.80	This is our charge for the contestable items in this quote. Please note that this work can also be carried out by accredited Self-Lay Providers rather than Affinity Water.
Non-Contestable Services	£339.60	This is our charge for the non-contestable items in this quote. This work must be provided by Affinity Water due to a heightened risk to existing customers and to the public water network.
Total Charges for your new connection(s)	£13,064.40	This is the total amount of the work you have asked us to provide.
Infrastructure Charges	£0.00	This is the charge we levy to reflect broadly the expected additional load placed on our network by new properties being connected.
Infrastructure Credits	£0.00	This is the amount which we will award in credit in recognition of properties disconnected from our network in the five years beforehand.
Total Infrastructure Payments	£0.00	This is the total amount payable for infrastructure charges, once the relevant credits have been deducted.
Extraordinary Charges	£0.00	This is the charge for any extraordinary items, credits, or amendments.

Breakdown of our charges for providing new connections

Non-contestable Charges

Item Description	Charge (excl VAT)	VAT	Total Charge
Application fee - Company Laid Connection (for first connection)	£157.00	£31.40	£188.40
Application fee - Company Laid Connection - (each subsequent connection)	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Administration fee - Company Laid Connection (for first connection)	£126.00	£25.20	£151.20
Administration fee - Company Laid Connection - (each subsequent connection)	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00

Contestable Charges

Item Description	Charge (excl VAT)	VAT	Total Charge
1 - 25mm Single Supply and 50m of Polyethylene pipe with a connection to the main on the Footpath	£10,604.00	£2,120.80	£12,724.80
Install internal 15mm screw-in meter (first property connected)	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Install internal 15mm screw-in meter (subsequent property connected)	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00

Extraordinary Charges

Item Description	Total Charge
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Next steps

Self-Laying your connections

You may choose your own accredited contractor to do the work, which is known as self-lay. We will take over responsibility for (adopt) self-laid pipes that meet the terms of an agreement with the developer and/or the self-lay provider that carried out the work. This can save you both time and money.

If you choose this route, your chosen self-lay provider should contact us and provide a letter of authority to take over the application.

Proceeding with the requisition

Step 1: Contact us to make payment

If you would like for Affinity Water to carry out the installation of the new water connections, please contact Developer Services quoting your project reference number to arrange payment so that we can proceed.

Step 2: Install your internal plumbing

If any of the services we list in the breakdown above is a manifold connection (2 to 6 port connection), you will be required to install as many 25mm services in the same material to the agreed connection point.

Water Fittings Regulations

It is the responsibility of the Owner, Landlord, User and installer to comply with the Water Fittings Regulations. Under the Water Act, Affinity Water must not connect any supply pipe until we are satisfied that the property to be supplied is compliant with these regulations.

This could mean waiting for all the plumbing in properties to be completed, leaving trenches open, ready to be inspected by a Water Fittings Officer, then if this fails for any reason, any failures would have to be rectified and then re-inspected. This is to protect public health against contamination, avoid waste, misuse and erroneous measurements in your water bill. Inappropriate fittings can also cause pressure and flow problems.

A connection can be made if an Approved Water Industry Contractor installs the supply pipe from the boundary to the inside stop valve and issues a certificate verifying that the installation is compliant with the Water Fittings Regulations. You will be asked to submit a copy of this certificate when you confirm that your pipework is ready for us to book our works.

An Approved Contractor (Plumber or Groundworker) can be found on the Watersafe website at <https://www.watersafe.org.uk/>.

Trench Specifications

Affinity Water would expect your supply pipe to be 750mm deep at the boundary, tagged with the plot number and with a capped or sealed end to prevent ingress from contaminants, the supply must be laid between 750mm and 1350mm deep and enter the property in compliance with the water fittings regulations. Depending on the type of property, diagrams are available on our website at <https://www.affinitywater.co.uk/water-fittings-regulations.aspx>. If you require any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact us on network.regs@affinitywater.co.uk.

A stop valve must be installed as close to the point of entry into the property as possible. On commercial properties a double check valve must be installed on the incoming supply above the inside stop valve to provide backflow protection. This is a condition for your connection to be approved.

All fittings used must be approved for use with wholesome water. More information can be found on www.wras.co.uk, www.affinitywater.co.uk and www.watersafe.org.uk

STEP 3: Please contact Developer Services to confirm site is ready for connection.

For us to schedule works we require confirmation that the site is ready for connection. As a way of confirmation, please send us photographs showing that the pipework has been laid at the correct depth in the specified material and to the agreed point of connection. This is to ensure that as far as possible we are able to install your connection on the first visit and avoid any additional costs for aborted or return visits.

The photographs should also show a capped or sealed end at the boundary and the internal stop valve for control, as well as the WIAPS certificate from your plumber, confirming that the pipe has been installed in compliance with the water fittings regulations.

Once the photographs and certificate have been approved, we aim to complete the installation of your water connection in no longer than 21 calendar days, subject to there being no 3rd party restrictions.

For further information please visit our website <https://www.affinitywater.co.uk/fittings-regulations.aspx>.

At this stage, if you are building a new property you will need to update your scheme details with the full postal address of the property(s).

Yours sincerely

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