

Can I use a **Self-Lay Provider** for my development?

Developers can choose to have certain water mains and service connections works carried out by an accredited Self-Lay Provider (this is known as Contestable work). You can [find an accredited Self-Lay Provider](#) on the Lloyd Register.

There are some works that only we can complete (known as Non-Contestable work). We've summarised these activities below. You can also view our detailed Contestability Matrix in our [Annual Contestability Summary](#).



Work that a Self-Lay Provider can undertake (Contestable)

1. Mains scheme designs

2. Laying new mains

- Includes pressure testing, chlorinating, and sampling.

3. In-Line connections (connecting pipework back to back)

- After pressure tests, sample tests, and approval.
- Connecting new mains pipework to a live main without cutting into the existing main.

4. Self-inspection of supply pipes and communication pipes

- Must be certified under schemes like WIAPS, A Plus, or Watermark.

5. Laying of service pipes

- Up to 90mm.

6. Service connections for new infill properties* or development sites

- Up to 90mm for PE and barrier pipe mains.

7. Installation of meters for new infill properties or development sites

- Up to 90mm.

* "Infill properties" are generally considered as new buildings built on vacant or underused land within existing urban areas.



Work that can only be undertaken by Severn Trent (Non-Contestable)

1. Connections of most mains onto the existing network

- Often referred to as 'source of water' (SOW) connection.

2. Service connections greater than 90mm.

3. Valve operations on the live network that could affect existing supplies.

4. Disconnections of existing service connections or branch connections on the live network