

### What are my payment options if I decide to connect or connect later?

Current Estimated Capital costs and Development Contribution Charges			
Decide to Connect		Decide Not to Connect	
Estimated Capital cost of <b>\$17,452.83</b>	Option 1: A one-off payment due after project completed	Estimated Capital cost of <b>\$17,452.83</b>	Option 1: A one-off payment due after project completed
	Option 2: As targeted rates over a maximum period of 10 years		Option 2: As targeted rates over a maximum period of 10 years
Current Development Contribution charges of <b>\$3,626.00</b>	Required to pay when you connect to the network	Development Contribution charges	Pay only when you decide to connect in the future
<b>Estimated Total to Pay</b>	<b>\$21,078.83</b>	<b>Estimated Total to Pay</b>	<b>\$17,452.83</b>
Current Wastewater Rates per annum			
Wastewater serviced rates	<b>\$1,252.58</b> per annum	Wastewater serviceable rates	<b>\$939.43</b> per annum

### What if I don't want to connect?

Your property will still be liable for targeted rates covering the capital cost of the project (but not the Development Contributions). In this case, your property will be considered wastewater serviceable once the project is completed and will be charged the wastewater serviceable rate, proposed at \$939.43 per annum (subject to change in later years).

### What is the difference between Wastewater Serviced and Wastewater Serviceable?

Wastewater Serviced means

- in relation to any rate for wastewater disposal purposes, any separately used or inhabited part of a rating unit that is
- connected, either directly or indirectly, through a private drain to a public drain:

Wastewater Serviceable means your property is

- capable of being effectively connected, either directly or through a private line to the Council's wastewater network, but which is not so connected:
- in relation to any targeted rate for wastewater disposal purposes, any rating unit situated within 30 metres of a public wastewater drain to which it is capable of being effectively connected, either directly or through a private drain, but which is not so connected:

### What is the meaning/definition of DC charge payables for Wastewater extensions?

Development Contributions (DCs) are payments required by councils from developers (in this case the residents who are contributing for this extension) to help cover the cost of infrastructure needed to support growth.

In the context of wastewater extensions, a DC charge is payable when a development:

- Creates additional demand on Council's wastewater services; and
- Connects to Council's wastewater network, regardless of whether the infrastructure is newly built or extended by the developer.

Under the Development Contributions Policy (DCP), any new dwelling or new lot is considered to generate one “unit of demand.” This charge applies even when connecting to existing infrastructure via an extension, as the overall network still needs to accommodate and serve the additional demand.

For more information, please refer to the Development Contributions page on the Council's website.

### **Why do we need to pay DC charges in addition to the infrastructure contribution costs?**

DC charges and infrastructure contributions serve different purposes and fund different types of costs:

Charge Type	What It Covers
Infrastructure Costs	Direct costs of installing or upgrading physical assets (e.g., pipes, pumps).
Development Contribution (DC)	A share of the cost of existing or planned network-wide infrastructure, like treatment plants, bulk mains etc.

Even where local infrastructure is funded or constructed by a developer or existing residents, the development still benefits from the broader network infrastructure (treatment plant, rising mains etc.). Development Contributions ensure that growth-related costs are fairly distributed among those who create the demand, rather than by existing ratepayers for the service.

For more information, please refer to the Development Contributions page on the Council's website.

### **Why is the extension costing so much?**

The extension requires the construction of an entirely new wastewater pipeline network and upgrades to the Powhiri place wastewater pump station to service 145 properties in the Wharekaho area. This new network must comply with Government and Council wastewater service standards to ensure reliable and environmentally compliant service for the community.

### **What is a SUIP unit?**

This means Separately Used or Inhabited Part of a rating unit includes any part inhabited or used by a person other than the owner, and who has the right to inhabit or use that part by virtue of a tenancy lease, license, or other agreement (such as a separate dwelling, flat, or unit on a property that receives its own water connection) and they will be charged individually.

This means that if your property contains multiple SUIPs as described above, it will be charged based on the number of those units, as each receives its own water/wastewater connection.

### **How do I know if I'm an affected property owner?**

Every property owner has been provided with a letter outlining the project which is also being publicly advertised.

### **When did the Council decide on this?**

The decision to plan and implement Wastewater treatment and network improvements/extensions in Wharekaho approved in the [2024-2034 Long Term Plan](#).

### **When would work on the extension project start and be completed?**

It is proposed that the extension project starts in the 2026/27 financial year and projected to complete in early 2028.

### **How can I share my thoughts on this project?**

Please take part in our online survey available on the project webpage. Hard copy feedback forms are also included with the community engagement letters we've sent out. These forms can also be downloaded via this same page or picked up from Council service centres, just ask for a copy from our friendly staff. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to contact us on 07 868 0200 or [customer.services@tcdc.govt.nz](mailto:customer.services@tcdc.govt.nz).