## Connecting to Watercare's Vacuum Wastewater Collection System in Clevedon

## Drainlayer Notes

## **Background**

Watercare Services Ltd installed a wastewater collection system to serve existing residents in Clevedon and new development in the area. Because of the flat topography, Watercare chose a vacuum collection system.

Vacuum systems are composed of vacuum pits (similar in size and shape to gravity manholes) and vacuum pipes connecting the pits to a vacuum station. Wastewater flows by gravity into a vacuum pit. Automatic sensors periodically release the contents of the pit into the vacuum pipe and the waste gets pulled to the vacuum station.

In Clevedon, Watercare is responsible for installing vacuum pits that will serve existing residents and small developments immediately adjacent to one of the main roads. Developers will install vacuum pits and vacuum pipes for larger developments.

## Connecting an Existing Resident/New Home to the Vacuum Pit

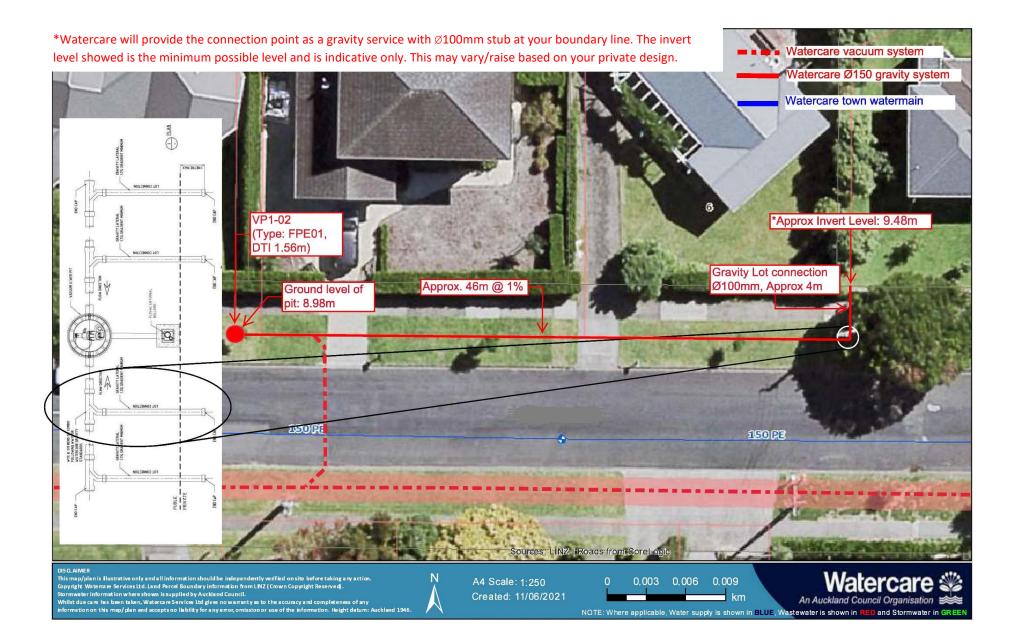
Existing residents in Clevedon who wish to abandon their septic tank and become Watercare customers may contact you for a quote to connect their home to the new network. New subdivisions directly adjacent to a main road may also contact you to connect a new home. Your work will consist of rerouting the existing home's waste pipes from the septic tank to the property boundary with the main road. Watercare will install a gravity 150 mm PVC pipe from the designated vacuum pit to the property boundary. You will make the connection from the home's drainage to the Watercare pipe at the property boundary.

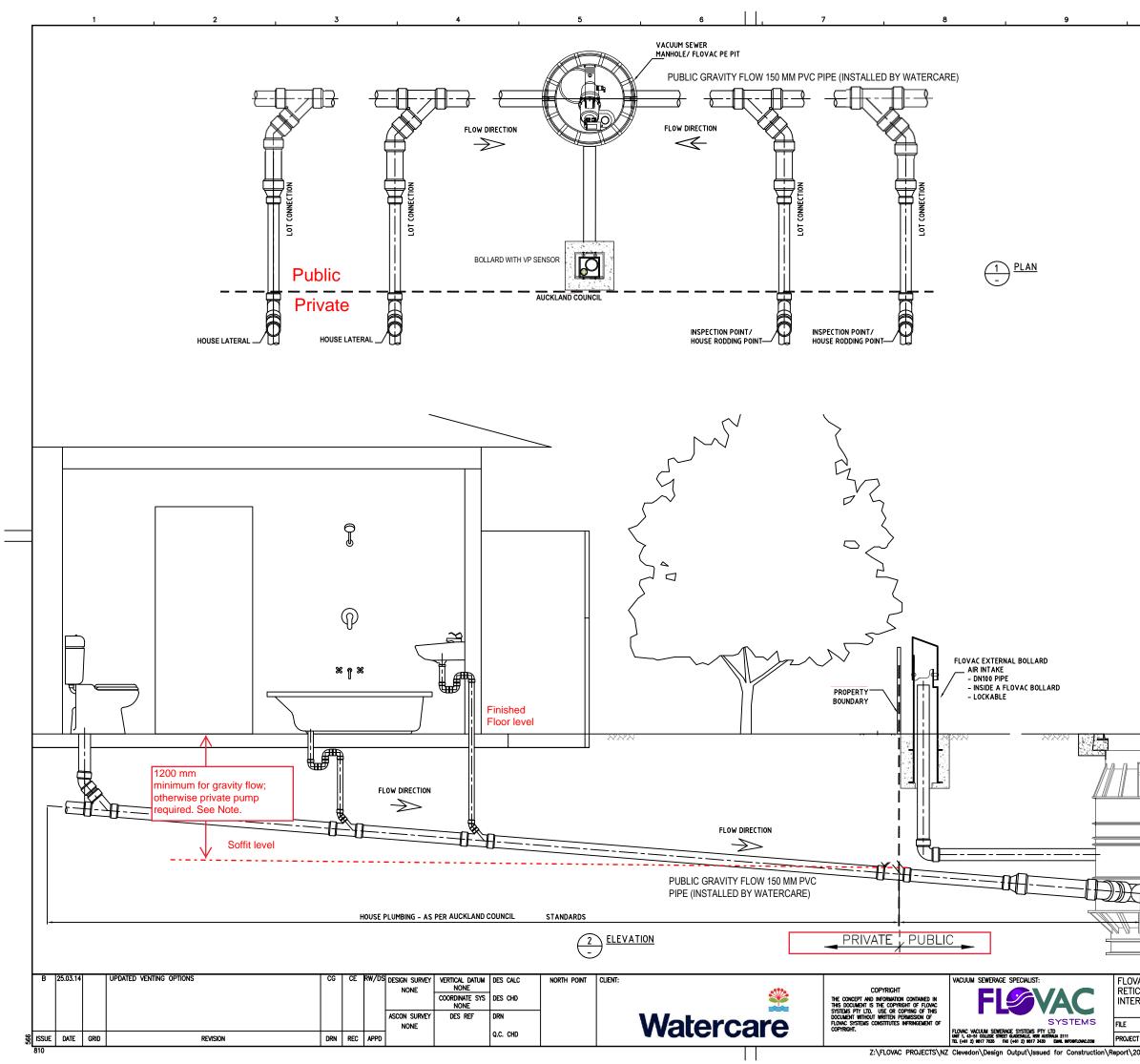
Any customer wishing to connect to the system will apply to Watercare and request a vacuum PIT MAP. You can request a pit map also, on the customer's behalf. The pit map will show you WHERE the 150 mm pipe will be located. You can ask us to move this location to any point along the property boundary, whatever suits the homeowner.

The pit map will also show the ELEVATION of the 150 mm pipe at the location chosen. You will need this to confirm that the home's FFL is 1.2 m or more above the soffit of this connection. Because of the unique operation of vacuum pits, it is likely we can offer a DISPENSATION to this requirement, if the home does not quite meet the required 1.2 m.

We have set up an email to answer queries related to Clevedon connections. Please contact us at <u>clevedonnetwork@water.co.nz</u> with any questions.

Attached to this document is a schematic of a house connection to a vacuum pit and a sample PIT MAP.





VACUUM PIT (INSTALLED BY WATERCARE)		-
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