

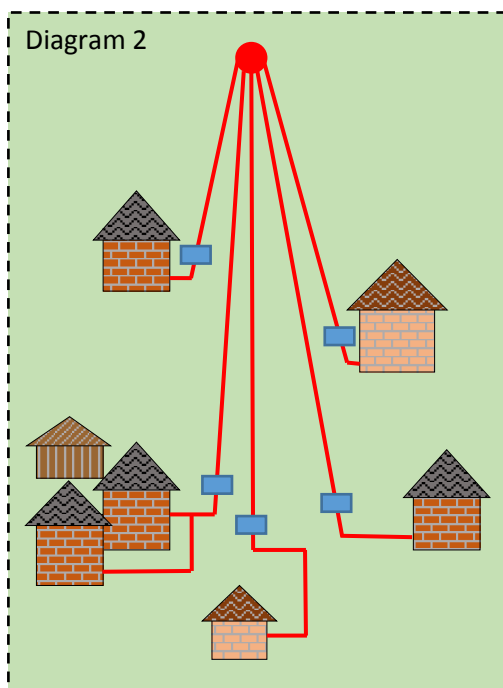
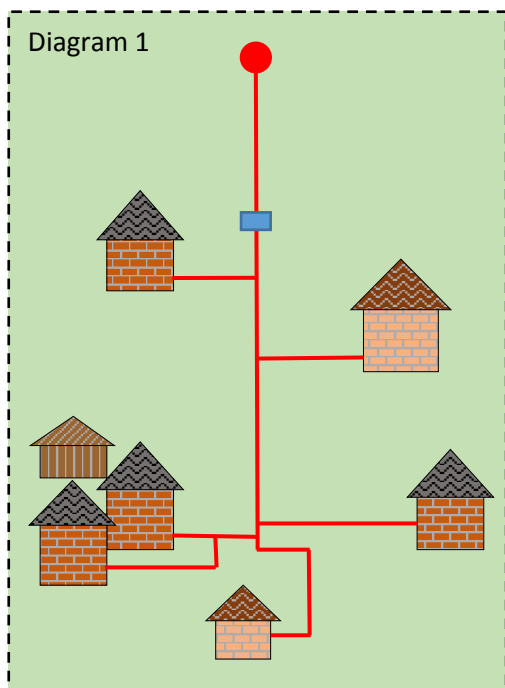
Shared Abstractions

Shared abstractions require licensing if combined peak daily water use exceeds the 20 cubic metres threshold.

If more than one property is connected to a source of water supply by one pipe system this is considered to be a shared abstraction as shown in diagram 1 below. If more than one property is connected to a source of water supply by their own individual pipes then they are considered as independent supplies as shown in diagram 2 below.

If you are a shared abstraction, please get in contact with other water users who share your water source. A collective agreement among different users on the same abstraction should be made, resulting in a single abstraction licence application to the Environment Agency (with only one fee charged).

A water meter will need to be installed to monitor the water usage. In the case of shared abstractions one meter will be required for the total abstraction from the source as shown in Diagram 1. If the properties have their own pipes to the source, each pipe system will require it's own meter so that the individual use can be monitored, as shown in Diagram 2.



Source of Water Supply



Pipes



Water Meter