

**Allens Caravans Estates Limited  
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Henley-In-Arden  
Warwickshire  
England  
B95 6EE**

**C/O Peter Gwynne, C & M Agri Ltd.**

22<sup>nd</sup> February 2023

### **Decision on your application**

**Licence number: WA/063/0002/0001**

Dear Mr. Gwynne,

We are pleased to tell you that your application for an abstraction licence has been successful.

Please read your licence carefully as it is a legal document. You will have to keep to the conditions shown on it and do any monitoring in line with the licence conditions. If your licence contains a condition referring to river flows at one of our river-flow gauging stations, we will contact you shortly to tell you how to get access to river-flow information.

### **Method Statement**

Condition 9.2 requires you to submit a detailed Method Statement regarding the operation of the works. This Method Statement must be sent to the address given on the licence, and approved by the Environment Team before any works can take place.

The Environment Team have advised that the Method Statement that you have already submitted must be updated to contain the following details:

- Whether mains water or non-mains water will be used in the cleaning process of the intake.
- The Method Statement must include more detail on how the pipework will be inserted through the rock armour (whether machinery will be involved, for example).

- The Method Statement must specify that the two installers/maintainers access the abstraction point via a route over the rock armour or under the bridge and not via the banks of the field in the SSSI.
- The Method Statement must specify that when the equipment is removed for the annual maintenance/major sedimentation event, it is pulled out over the road

If you have any queries regarding the above, please discuss this with the Environment Team, contact details are:

Email: [CeredigionEnvironmentTeam@cyfoethnaturiolcymru.gov.uk](mailto:CeredigionEnvironmentTeam@cyfoethnaturiolcymru.gov.uk)

Phone: 0300 065 03000

## **Water Voles**

The Environment Team have requested to remind you of an advisory of the advice provided in the report commissioned named "Water Vole Survey, Report ref: C185/R1/v1" Date: June 2022. This report advised that the installation of the pipework should not disturb the soft ground to the edge of the blockwork, and that a Natural Resources Wales Conservation Licence for water voles would be required if works were to be undertaken here. It stated there was a low risk of water voles being present in the blockwork but that the works should still be overseen by a suitably experienced ecologist. The advice therefore is to avoid all disturbance of the river bank adjacent to the blockwork and that all works which involve disturbance to the bank including blockwork need to be overseen by a suitably experienced ecologist.

**Your abstraction licence will remain in force until 31<sup>st</sup> March 2040**, in line with our policy on setting time limits. The time limit is linked to future reviews of water resources within a Catchment Abstraction Management Strategy (CAMS) area. At the end of the time limit, we should be able to renew the licence if:

- there is no damage to the environment;
- the need for the abstraction can still be justified;
- water is being used efficiently; and
- you still meet the usual legal requirements for getting a licence.

We do not guarantee that we will renew the licence. We will contact you before your licence ends to tell you about the renewal process.

We make water charges based on the yearly authorised amount shown on your licence and not on what you actually abstract. The charges will become due from the date we issue the licence and on 1 April each year after that. We will send you an account for water charges shortly, unless the authorised abstraction period has now passed – in this case, we will not send you an account for water charges until 1 April. To work out your charges, please refer to our Scheme of Abstraction Charges, which is available on our website at:

[About us > What we do > How we regulate you](#)

We regularly make routine visits to make sure that the terms of licences are up to date and that any work to abstract or impound water keeps to the licence conditions. If winter storage reservoirs are involved, we will normally need to inspect these when they are complete and before any water is abstracted. We will usually inspect existing reservoirs when we make our first visit. One of our representatives will contact you, before they visit, to discuss the terms of the licence. They may visit you again later without giving you notice.

It is your responsibility to make sure that the water you abstract is suitable for the purpose it will be used for. You must continue to monitor the water to make sure you are using it efficiently. It is also your responsibility to make sure that you have any other permission (for example, planning permission) you need in connection with your proposed work.

Any work undertaken should take account of biosecurity risks, and mitigation measures should be put in place. The most important measure is to ensure that all equipment (plant, tools, footwear etc) that come to site, arrive clean, and are cleaned again before leaving site. This applies to all sites, not just those where an invasive non-native species (INNS), pest or disease has been previously identified. Information on how to assess biosecurity risks; simple steps to reduce risks; and specific measures for higher risk activities can be found on the [GBNNSS website](#) for INNS, or for tree health on [our website](#). If you need any further help, please feel free to contact our [INNS and Biosecurity](#) team or our [Tree Health](#) team.

Following the UK's departure from the EU on 31 January 2020 and the end of the transition period on 31 December 2020, the legal obligations relating to compliance with environmental permits and legislation will continue to apply. NRW will continue to issue and regulate all permits and licences in line with our current practice. If you have any questions about your permits or licences and/or site management, please contact our Customer Care Centre on 03000 653 000.

If you are not satisfied with the conditions set on your licence, you can appeal to Planning and Environment Decisions Wales at the following address:

Planning and Environment Decisions Wales  
Crown Buildings  
Cathays Park  
Cardiff  
CF10 3NQ

Telephone: 0300 0604400

Email: [PEDW.Casework@gov.wales](mailto:PEDW.Casework@gov.wales)

You can get a standard notice of appeal from the address above. You must return the notice of appeal **within 28 days** of the date of this notice, and send a copy to us. The notice must give the reasons for the appeal and you must also send:

- the application it relates to;
- any information or reports you sent us with the application;

- this decision notice; and
- any other relevant correspondence.

You must send written notice of the appeal and the documents listed above to Planning and Environment Decisions Wales at the address above. At the same time you must send us a copy of the notice and documents to:

Permitting Service Manager  
Permitting Service  
Natural Resources Wales  
Tŷ Cambria  
29 Newport Road  
Cardiff CF24 0TP  
Phone: 0300 065 3000

You can withdraw an appeal at any time before a decision has been made. In exceptional circumstances, Planning and Environment Decisions Wales have the power to allow a longer period for serving a notice of appeal.

If you have any questions about your licence, please contact me on the number below.

Yours sincerely

**Deri McDonagh**  
Water Resources Permitting Officer

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