

Gerlan Hydro Limited

Your reference: PAN-021620 & PAN-021621

C/o Tom Bartlett
Derwent Hydroelectric Power Limited

Sent via email to:

tom.bartlett@derwent-hydro.co.uk

Date: 25 May 2023

Dear Tom

Please note: Whilst we have accepted your application as valid, it has not been allocated to a Permitting Officer at present. Your application has been placed on our work queue and will be allocated as soon as a Permitting Officer becomes available. A Permitting Officer will contact you once your application has been allocated.

Acknowledgement of your application for a new water abstraction licence and impoundment licence.

Application number: PAN-021620 & PAN-021621

Thank you for your application for a new abstraction and impoundment licence. I confirm that we have now assessed and accepted your application and that you have paid the correct fee.

I also confirm that your application:

- began the formal decision process on 24/05/2023; and
- The statutory determination date for your application is 24/09/2023. We will make a decision on your applications for the licences by 24/09/2023, unless you agree in writing to extend this period, or we find that we need more information from you before we can make a decision.

You may be asked to provide further information to assist us during our determination of your application. Please provide this within the timescales defined within the request to minimise any delay on determination of your application.

It is presumed that your application needs to be advertised. We will do this for you by putting a notice in a local newspaper and on our website. You will need to pay our costs of putting the notice in a local newspaper, plus a £100 administration fee. The decision on whether the application needs to be advertised will be made by the Permitting Officer allocated to your proposal.

It is an offence under Section 206 of the Water Resources Act 1991 to furnish any information or make a statement which is known to be false or misleading, or to recklessly make any statement which is false or misleading. Enforcement action,

in line with Natural Resources Wales Enforcement and Sanctions Policy can be taken if it becomes evident that this offence has been committed.

If we cannot make a decision on your licence applications by the decision date shown above, or by any agreed extended date, you can appeal to Planning and Environment Decisions Wales at the following addresses.

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

Telephone: 0300 0604400
Email: PEDW.Casework@gov.wales

You can get a standard notice for making an appeal from the address above. The notice of appeal must be sent to Planning and Environment Decisions Wales **within 28 days** of the decision date shown on the previous page (or any agreed extended decision date). The notice must give the reasons for the appeal and you must also send a copy of:

- the application which it relates to;
- any information or reports you sent to us with the application; and
- any other relevant correspondence, including this acknowledgement letter.

You must also send us a copy of your notice of appeal.

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

Points for consideration

The proposal is to transfer water from the Afon Cenllusg to the Afon Llafar for subsequent re-abstraction for the purpose of power generation (under licence number 23/65/18/0029). The movement of water from the Afon Cenllusg to the Afon Llafar may be classed as a 'cross-catchment water transfer'. This matter will be discussed further during determination of this application and may lead to suggested revisions to the scheme design.

As confirmed in your email dated 24/05/20263, the minimum peak instantaneous power output equates to 495kW. In line with our [Water Abstraction Charges Scheme](#), larger hydropower schemes over 250 kW which are more complex and at a scale which requires greater technical input from NRW, we will apply the base charge of £1,500 and cost recover time and materials (at £125/hour) where this is exceeded.



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If you have any questions about your application, please contact me (see below for details).

Yours sincerely,

Hannah Pearce
Senior Officer, Water Resources Permitting

Direct phone line: 0300 065 4554

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