

**Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council  
The General Offices  
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**C/O Sarah Williams**

15/06/2023

## **Decision on your applications**

**Licence numbers: WA/056/0064/0003/V001 & WA/056/0064/0004/V001**

Dear Sarah,

We are pleased to tell you that your applications for a variation to your existing licences have been successful.

Please read your licences carefully as they are legal documents. You will have to keep to the conditions shown on them and do any monitoring in line with the licence conditions. If your licences contain 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.

## **Pollution prevention**

During the construction of the scheme, you must take precautions to prevent contamination of surface water drains and local groundwater. Please read the Pollution Prevention (GPP) documents, which can be found on the following webpage: [Guidance for Pollution Prevention \(GPP\) documents | NetRegs | Environmental guidance for your business in Northern Ireland & Scotland](#)

**Your abstraction licence will remain in force until 31/03/2041**, 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.

Your licences are exempt (excluded) from water abstraction charges. Our Scheme of Abstraction Charges is available on our website at [About us > What we do > How we regulate you](#) OR <https://naturalresources.wales/media/684690/natural-resources-wales-abstraction-charges-scheme-2018-19.pdf> ).

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.

The UK left the EU on 31 January 2020 and has entered a transition period until the 31 December 2020. The legal obligations relating to compliance with environmental permits and legislation continue to apply. NRW will continue to issue and regulate all permits and licenses in line with our current practice. If you have any questions about your permits or licenses 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 licences, 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 address above. At the same time you must send us a copy of the notice and documents to:

Centre 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 licences, please contact me on the number below.

Yours sincerely

**Deri McDonagh**  
Water Resources Permitting Officer

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