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Eich Cyf/Your Ref: **PAN-006998/PAN-006999**

Ein Cyf/Our Ref: **CAS-02485-Q0R8C3 &
CAS-02486-Y2G4M3**

10 March 2023

Dear Ms. Morris,

Water Resources Act 1991 (as amended by the Water Act 2003) - WATER ABSTRACTION AND IMPOUNDMENT APPEALS;

**1. Appellant; Canal & River Trust
Site: CRT438, TROSNANT SPRING, PONTYPOOL**

**2. Appellant; Canal & River Trust
Site: CRT327, RIVER USK AT BRECON**

Thank you for submitting your views on the appeals procedure for the above cases.

Following consideration of the views of both the Regulator and the Appellant, the appeals will now proceed by way of a Virtual Hearing as the matters in dispute appear to be relatively straight forward and can be reasonably discussed by way of a topic-led discussion.

Using e-mail

We welcome communication by email to our team address pedw.casework@gov.wales. Electronic copies of statements, supporting documents and comments are particularly useful to us and potentially more efficient for you. We do ask that you continue to send hard copies of maps and large documents. Where parties are agreeable, we will cross-copy by email.

The starting date

I have checked the papers and confirm that the appeals are valid. If I later find out that this is not the case, I will write to you again.

The date of this letter is the **starting date** for the appeals. The hearing procedure is conducted in the spirit of The Town and Country Planning Appeals (Hearings Procedure) (Wales) Rules 2003.

Keeping to the timetable

You must keep to the timetable set out below and make sure that you send us the relevant documents within these deadlines. This will mean that we can deal with the appeals promptly and fairly. If you do not send us the relevant documents in time, the Inspector will not normally look at them and we will return them to you. You must note the details of the following timetable because we will not send any reminders.

The following documents must be submitted so as to be received within this timetable:

By 24/03/2023 (2 weeks from the starting date)

You must inform:

- any person who made representations to the regulator about the subject matter of the appeals;
- any person who appears to the regulator to have a particular interest in the appeals; and
- relevant national consultees (generally those consulted at the application stage).

You must notify the above parties that these appeals have been made and by whom, describe the application or permit to which the appeals relate and state that if they wish to submit any further representations, these must be made in writing to PEDW within **15 working days** of the date of the notification.

The notification should also explain that any representations made to PEDW will be copied to the appellant and the regulator and will be entered on the Public Register. The regulator will confirm to PEDW that this has been done.

You should inform them that they can get a copy of our Water Abstraction and Impoundment Licence Appeal Procedure Guidance from the Welsh Government website GOV.WALES, and that if they want to receive a copy of the appeals decision they must write to me asking for one.

You must send a copy of the consultation letters and all supporting documents and representations, including any relevant policies to PEDW and the appellant.

By 21/04/2023 (6 weeks from the starting date)

You and the appellant must submit a copy of your statement to PEDW giving full details of the case to be put forward at the hearing. I will send a copy of your statement to the appellant and send you a copy of their statement. You and the appellant must send a copy of your statements to any other statutory parties. I will send you and the appellant a copy of any comments I receive from other interested persons or organisations.

By 12/05/2023 (9 weeks from the starting date)

You and the appellant must submit a copy of any final comments you and they have on each other's statement and on any comments from interested persons or organisations. You must not send your final comments instead of, or to add to your statement. No new evidence is allowed at this stage. I will send you a copy of the appellant's final comments at the appropriate time.

Hearing arrangements

We will contact you in due course with the hearing arrangements.

Withdrawing the appeals

If you hear that the appeals are to be withdrawn, please telephone me immediately. If I receive written confirmation of this from the appellant, I will write to you.

Yours sincerely

J. Nicholas

JULIAN NICHOLAS
Case Officer