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## **Decision on your application**

**Licence number: WA/059/0002/0017**

Dear Harriet,

We are pleased to tell you that your application for an impoundment 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. Your licence is exempt (excluded) from water abstraction charges.

## **Important notes**

### Method Statement

As notified in our email of 12/07/2023, condition 4.5 of the licence requires that a full method statement/CEMP should be submitted to NRW and approved in writing before any works can take place. Contact details of the responsible NRW are included on the licence document.

The method statement should include information on how pollution prevention measures will be employed during the construction phase to avoid impacts to designated site features. You should refer to information contained within the Guidance for Pollution Prevention documents, particularly [GPP5: Works and Maintenance in or near water.](#)

### In-river assets

Our Geomorphology team have advised that the lowering of the bed as a result of the weir removal has the potential to impact upstream structures, such as the pipe crossing, bridge, mature trees along the bank, etc. We strongly advise that you contact the owners of these assets to make them aware of these plans. We also suggest that you consider developing

your own contingency plan to deal with larger trees that may fall into the river as a result of the bed lowering.

### Concrete backfill

Our Geomorphology team have advised that the use of concrete rubble as backfill or bank protection is not in line with best practices. We encourage exploring greener solutions, although we understand that this option may have been chosen to reduce the cost of removal and disposal.

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. 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.

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 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 via my email address below.

Yours sincerely

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**Water Resources Permitting Officer**

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