

**FAO: Tom Bartlett**  
Derwent Hydroelectric Power Limited

Our reference: PAN-021620 & PAN-021620

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Your reference: Afon Cenllusg

Date: 26/09/2024

Dear Tom,

## **Refusal of a licence application**

Application reference numbers: PAN-021620 & PAN-021620

After carefully considering your applications, we have decided to refuse them for the following reasons:

- NRW do not consider the proposal to be in line with NRW HEP Guidance flow standards which are designed to protect the environment at low and high flows, meaning, the proposal would impact on ecology, fisheries and water quality.
- NRW do not consider the proposal has sufficient justification of requirements and water efficiency.
- NRW have been unable to rule out adverse effect on site integrity to Eryri / Snowdonia SAC.
- NRW consider the proposal likely to damage the Eryri SSSI.
- NRW have been unable to rule out the risks associated with an open CCWT.
- NRW have been unable to rule out the risk of deterioration of WFD waterbody status / prevention of meeting the WFD objectives of multiple waterbodies.

We shall publish a decision statement within 14 days of our decision on the '[Licensing decision statements](#)' page of our website, which can be found via the following pathway: [Home](#) > [Permits and permissions](#) > [Permit applications, consultations and decisions](#) > [Current consultations - Applications to abstract or impound water](#) > [Licensing decision statements](#).

If you are not satisfied with this decision, you can appeal to Planning and Environment Decisions Wales. You do this by filling in a 'notice of appeal', which you can get from 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 must send the notice to Planning and Environment Decisions Wales, at the above address, **within 28 days** of the date of this letter. (In exceptional circumstances, Planning and Environment Decisions Wales can give you longer to make your appeal). At the same time, you must send us a copy of the notice and documents to the following address:

Permitting Service Manager  
Permitting Service  
Natural Resources Wales  
Welsh Government Offices  
Cathays Park  
King Edward VII Avenue  
Cardiff  
CF10 3NQ

Phone: 0300 065 3000

In the notice you must give the reasons for the appeal, and you must also send:

- a copy of your application;
- copies of any information or reports you sent to us with the application;
- this letter; and
- any other relevant correspondence.

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

You can withdraw an appeal at any time before a decision has been made.

If you need any more information or advice, please contact me (see below for details).

Yours sincerely,

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Water Resources Permitting Officer

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