

FORM WRA: Applicant details and proposal outline

Application type and fee

Please generate a reference number. It should start with "WR" followed by your organisation or company name and today's date in four-digit format (DDMM) without spaces or punctuation.

Example: WRNATURALRESOURCESWALES1101

Please use this use this number throughout this application. This reference number can also be used for your BACS reference if paying electronically.

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For the application types listed, complete this form and/or the relevant additional forms named below. Tick the type of application you are applying for. Please refer to our Find out if you need a licence web-page for an explanation for the different licence types. If your proposal involves multiple licence types, tick all that apply.

See our Charges for abstraction and impoundment applications web page for details of application fees and how to pay.

New licence to transfer water. Also complete form WRD.

Please indicate how you wish to pay your application fee. If paying by BACS, please quote the reference number created in question 1 when setting up the bank transfer.

If paying by cheque, please ensure you add the six digit cheque number below.

BACS

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Applicant details

Applicant type

Limited company

Applicant details

Full Name	Elise Coalter
Company, Charity or Trading Name	St. Modwen Developments Ltd
Company or Charity Registration Number	349201

Applicant Registered Address

Line 1 Two Devon Way
Line 2 Longbridge
Line 3 Birmingham
Line 4 -
Postcode B312TS

Applicant Contact details

Office Telephone Number 01212229400
Mobile Telephone Number 07790602512
Email Address Elise.Coalter@stmodwen.co.uk

Please indicate who we should contact regarding operation of your site, this should be the person responsible for the day to day running of the operation.

	Applicant	Agent
Site operations contact	X	

Details of agent or individual authorised to act as application contact

Use applicant contact details

No

Application details

Full Name Barney Irlam
Company, Charity or Trading Name PJA
Position in Company Principal

Applicant Registered Address

Line 1 PJA
Line 2 Park Point
Line 3 High Street
Line 4 Longbridge, Birmingham
Postcode B31 2UQ

Applicant Contact details

Office Telephone Number 0121 475 0234
Mobile Telephone Number 07701 316286
Email Address barney.irlam@pja.co.uk

Entitlement to apply (not required for impoundment licence applications)

Does the applicant have a legal right of access to the point of abstraction?

Occupier of land / has a right of access

Site map showing abstraction points

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For abstraction licence applications where you are the occupier or have rights of access, please also provide the additional evidence as outlined above.

Please tick here to show that you have done this.

Pre-application number

Have you undertaken a pre-application enquiry or had any previous discussions with us?

No

Remediation work

Is this proposal as a result of a Restoring Sustainable Abstraction programme or other work requested by us?

No

Source of supply

State where you intend to abstract from

Surface Water. e.g. Stream, leat, spring

Provide a 12 digit National Grid Reference for the proposed or existing abstraction or impoundment point (e.g. ST 19057 76826)

SS 71293 96371

Source of supply (name of watercourse or aquifer)

North Site Reservoir

Site name / reference
(e.g. Tŷ Mawr Farm)

Coed Darcy

Proposal summary

Please provide an outline of your proposal, including any sketches.

As a guide, you should include: a description of the activities which (will) take place at your site, the means of abstraction/impoundment proposed, if the proposal is related to another licence or permit (i.e. an Environmental Permit to Discharge Water) and details of any survey work undertaken. For changes to existing licences, summarise the changes proposed. Sketches or photographs that will aid our understanding of your proposal can be uploaded below.

The North Site Reservoir is a waterbody on the former Llandarcy Oil Refinery at Coed Darcy. The reservoir was formed by the construction of a dam at the western end of a natural valley, impounding water behind it. During refinery operations, the reservoir served as a source of water for fire fighting and industrial processes. The abstraction of water for these uses was carried out under abstraction licence no. 22/59//5/0005.

Since closure of the refinery, the water has not been required for these uses and this abstraction licence is therefore no longer applicable. The water level in the reservoir has been maintained using the former refinery pumps and infrastructure to pump water to the River Neath under Welsh Water Permit: BP0064319/V002. This arrangement is indicated on Drawing 4020-A-SK-919-NSR.

There are now plans to discontinue the reservoir and reinstate the natural flow of the original watercourse within the valley. Prior to reservoir discontinuance, investigative and remedial works need to be carried across the base of the former reservoir. To facilitate this, the water level has been reduced by mobilisation of additional infrastructure to pump water to the River Neath.

Through discussion with NRW we understand this operation of moving water without a specific use does not fall under an abstraction licence and instead requires a water transfer licence.

PJA (on St Modwen's behalf) are therefore applying for a water transfer licence to cover the pumping operations and water transfer to maintain low water levels during investigation and remedial works, prior to the dam discontinuance.

Summary of proposal

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Declaration

By signing below, you are declaring that, to the best of your knowledge; the information given in this form, on any map and in any supporting or additional information; is true.

Signed Robert Williams
Print name ROBERT WILLIAMS
Position Managing Director

Date

* 06/01/2025

Would you like a copy of your submission?

Yes

Your email address

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