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Good afternoon,

Many thanks for your pre-application enquiry received 25/04/2023, please see NRW response below.

Application type required

Option 1

You can apply to vary existing full abstraction licence 21/57/25/0047 for the changes proposed if the existing abstraction point at ST 1184 8235 and the proposed new abstraction point from the Garth Mine are both abstracting water from the same source of supply, such as the same underground strata. Each point of abstraction will need to be reflected within the varied full abstraction licence.

Option 2

We believe that your proposal could meet the criteria for a transfer abstraction licence (if both points of abstraction are from the same source of supply), providing that water is being transferred between two sources of supply with no intervening use. As such, you could apply for a new transfer abstraction licence to regulate the changes proposed.

Licensing guidance

The differences between full and transfer licence which you need to be aware of are as follows:

	Full Licence	Transfer Licence
Application Fee*	£135	£1500
Subsistence Fee*	Required – Please see NRW website here .	None
Licenced abstraction quantities	Included on licence	Not Routinely included on licence
Reporting and recording requirements	Included on licence	Not Routinely included on licence
Protected right?	Yes	No

*Please note that our fees and charges are subject to regular review and change, please refer to our website for updates.

The application forms for both options are [form WRA](#) (your details) and [form WRD](#) (about the abstraction), found on the NRW website [here](#). We will make a decision on either application within 4 months of receiving a complete (valid) application if advertising is needed, or 3 months if advertising is not needed. It is likely that any formal application will be subject to advertisement.

Hands off Flows (HoFs) or Hands of Levels (HoLs)

For non-consumptive licences, where water is returned close to the point of abstraction, there is no need to protect flows at a wider catchment level. These licences may still be restricted to protect flows between the point of abstraction and the point of discharge. The level of the restriction will depend on the site-specific conditions. Each application will be dealt with on a case by case basis.

Other

As the proposal involves an increase to the existing rates of abstraction you will need to apply for a Groundwater Investigation Consent (GIC) in the first instance.

Information on [applying for a Groundwater Investigation Consent](#) can be found on the NRW website [here](#). You must carry out a detailed, accurate desk study and field survey of all the water features in the area around your proposal. We will require a 2km radius for the survey to cover the potential karst nature of the limestone in the area.

A Hydrological Impact Appraisal (HIA) is required to support either an application to vary the existing full abstraction licence or for an application for a new transfer abstraction licence. You can use the results of the GIC to produce a HIA to submit with either formal application.

Licence Transfer

Please note that full abstraction licence 21/57/25/0047 will need to be transferred to Breedon Trading Ltd prior to progressing with the following licencing advice above.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me on the details below.

Kind regards,
Alex

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Croesewir gohebiaeth yn Gymraeg a byddwn yn ymateb yn Gymraeg, heb i hynny arwain at oedi.

Correspondence in Welsh is welcomed, and we will respond in Welsh without it leading to a delay.



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