

Date: 03 April 2025

Jodie Pritchard
Baileys and Partners
By email:
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Dear Jodie

Please note: Whilst we have accepted your application as valid, it has not been allocated to a Permitting Officer at present. Your application has been placed on our work queue and will be allocated as soon as a Permitting Officer becomes available. A Permitting Officer will contact you once your application has been allocated.

Acknowledgement of your applications for a water abstraction and impoundment licence.

Application numbers: PAN-028369 & PAN-028370
Site: Treforest Weir HEP, Rhondda Cynon Taf

Further to my invalid letter I sent to you earlier today, and subsequent receipt of your email demonstrating that NRW had previously agreed that a photosurvey was not necessary for these application. I can now confirm that we have assessed and accepted your application and that you have paid the correct fee*.

I also confirm that your application:

- began the formal decision process on 14/03/2025: and
- The statutory determination date for your application is 14/07/2025. We will make a decision on your applications for the licences by 14/07/2025, unless you agree in writing to extend this period, or we find that we need more information from you before we can make a decision.

You may be asked to provide further information to assist us during our determination of your application. Please provide this within the timescales defined within the request to minimise any delay on determination of your application.

It is presumed that your application needs to be advertised. We will do this for you by putting a notice in a local newspaper and on our website. You will need to pay our costs of putting the notice in a local newspaper, plus a £103 administration fee. The decision on whether the application needs to be advertised will be made by the Permitting Officer allocated to your proposal.

It is an offence under Section 206 of the Water Resources Act 1991 to furnish any information or make a statement which is known to be false or misleading, or to

recklessly make any statement which is false or misleading. Enforcement action, in line with Natural Resources Wales Enforcement and Sanctions Policy can be taken if it becomes evident that this offence has been committed.

If we cannot make a decision on your licence applications by the decision date shown above, or by any agreed extended date, you can appeal to Planning and Environment Decisions Wales at the following addresses.

Planning and Environment Decisions Wales
Crown Buildings
Cathays Park
Cardiff
CF10 3NQ

Telephone: 0300 0604400
Email: PEDW.Casework@gov.wales

You can get a standard notice for making an appeal from the address above. The notice of appeal must be sent to Planning and Environment Decisions Wales **within 28 days** of the decision date shown on the previous page (or any agreed extended decision date). The notice must give the reasons for the appeal and you must also send a copy of:

- the application which it relates to;
- any information or reports you sent to us with the application; and
- any other relevant correspondence, including this acknowledgement letter.

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

You may withdraw an appeal at any time before a decision has been made. In exceptional circumstances, Planning and Environment Decisions Wales has the power to allow a longer period for serving a notice of appeal.

*Application fee

As previously mentioned RCT have currently paid an application fee of £8,602.44. The cost of the applications at the time of submission was £7,168.70 (£6,517 + £651.70 a 90% reduction to second application due to multi-activity discount). Therefore a refund of £1,433.74 is necessary, which I will arrange for our banking team to pay. Please can you advise RCT to provide details of their bank account (the same as those used to pay the application fee) to receive this payment to the following secure inbox:

banking.team@cyfoethnaturiolcymru.gov.uk



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Further information received

Thank you for sending the Visual Appraisal report, which contains photographs of the river and existing weir structures, these will be shared during determination with my colleagues.

Additionally, I look forward to receiving a copy of the FCA, which as you explained is currently being updated following NRW advice through the planning application process.

If you have any questions about your application, please contact the officer below.

Yours sincerely
Liz Cole

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