FORM WRD: Application for a new abstraction licence or a technical variation to an abstraction licence

Water Resources Act 1991, Environment Act 1995, The Water Resources (Abstraction and Impoundment) Regulations 2006, The Natural Resources Body for Wales (Functions) Order 2012

Cyfoeth Naturiol Cymru Natural Resources Wales

1. Application type

New full abstraction licence	☐	Give existing licence serial number and/ pre-application reference number
New temporary abstraction licence	☐	
New licence to transfer water	☒	Previous Transfer Licence: 20/60/7/0126
Renewal of a time-limited abstraction licence	☐	
Technical variation to an abstraction licence	☐	

For hydropower abstractions, specify the capacity (in kilowatts) of your scheme.

25kW or less ☐ >25 to 50kW ☐ >50 to 100kW ☐ >100kW ☐

2. Linked licences

2.1 Does your proposal involve water rights trading?

No ☒ Yes ☐ If yes, provide licence serial number(s)

2.2 Is the licence (to be) aggregated with any other licences?

No ☒ Yes ☐ If yes, provide licence serial number(s)

3. Abstraction details

Provide details of all points of abstraction**.** Details of abstraction location(s) should correspond with any maps submitted.

If necessary, continue on a separate sheet and tick here to show that you have done this ☒

Abstraction location name / reference	Type (single point / reach)	National Grid Reference (12 digit)	If a reach, downstream National Grid Reference (12 digit)
Ffos Las Racecourse	Single point	SN 47285 05315 (see map appended)	

4. Means of abstraction

Detail the structure and equipment involved in the abstraction process. If this information is detailed in a supporting document, provide the document reference. For groundwater abstractions, include borehole depth and diameter and provide details of screening and lining. If necessary, continue on a separate sheet and tick here to show that you have done this. ☒

Flow from the Afon Morlais has previously be diverted around to area that is now Ffos Las Racecourse as a result of mining activity and remediation. As part of the development of Ffos Las Racecourse, the channel of the Afon Morlais was restored through the racecourse, re-joining the river downstream of the racecourse. In restoring the Afon Morlais, an abstraction is required from the registered course of the river (through the diversion channel). The abstraction is achieved through a diversion weir structure. The surface water source of the abstraction from the Afon Morlais is referred to as the "diversion channel" and the abstraction is routed through the "reinstated channel" to re-join the Afon Morlais donwnstream.

The abstraction is achieved by a diversion weir structure designed to provide a flow split to both maintain flows in the restored channel and the diversion channel. During peak flows the majority of flow is routed through the diversion channel.

A flow splitting structure has been constructed to the specification detailed in the appended report Atkins Reference: 5029592-60-DG-03-2. The flow split is as follows:

- Up to Q_5 the split is 80% to the restored Afon Morlais channel and 20% to the diversion channel
- Above $Q_{5,}$ water will overtop the main weir and the majority of the water will flow down the diversion channel

Photographs of the structure are included in the appended document. Please note the adjustment plate on the diversion weir is a single plate rather than two plates, but performs exactly the same function.

Please also note the as-built location of the abstraction is slightly different to the expected location for the temporary licence pre-construction.

5. Abstraction quantities

Provide details of the abstraction quantities and periods proposed, including any deregulated abstractions (< 20 cubic metres per day) you currently have. Details of abstraction locations should correspond with any maps submitted.

Abstraction location name / reference	Purpose which water will be used for	Abstraction period (state 'all year' or give months)	Maximum annual abstraction volume (cubic metres)	Maximum daily abstraction volume (cubic metres)	Maximum hourly abstraction volume (cubic metres)	Number of hours of abstraction per day	Peak abstraction rate (litres per second)
Ffos Las Racecourse SN 47285 05315	Transfer	All year	Flow split (up to Q_5 80% - 20%, above Q_5 majority down diversion channel)	Flow split (up to Q_5 80% - 20%, above Q_5 majority down diversion channel)	Flow split (up to Q_5 80% - 20%, above Q_5 majority down diversion channel)	Continuous	Flow split (up to Q_5 80% - 20%, above Q_5 majority down diversion channel)
		Total					

6. Calculations and supporting information

Please provide further details of your intended use of water, including calculations in support of the quantities you have requested, your operational regime and any management agreements. See Guidance Note WRX for details of what is required. If your proposal involves the provision of a residual flow via a notch or orifice, provide information on how this has been calculated.
If necessary, continue on a separate sheet and tick here to show that you have done this. ☒

Abstraction of water is required to provide flow in the reinstated Afon Morlais river channel flowing through the Ffos Las Racecourse and returned to the Afon Morlais downstream of the racecourse.

Calculation details are provided in the appended report Atkins Reference: 5029592-60-DG-03-2.

7. Industry-specific requirements

Complete the relevant table in line with the purpose of your proposal to demonstrate a justification of need for the quantities proposed. For uses not covered here or to provide further details, please use a separate sheet and tick here to show that you have done this ☒

7.1 For agricultural use:

Crop type	Soil type (for multiple soil types, indicate approximate split)	Maximum area of crop to be irrigated annually (hectares)	Maximum annual depth of irrigation to be applied (millimetres)
e.g. Carrots	*Silty clay*	*10*	*90*

Livestock type	Number of animals	Maximum daily quantity of water used (cubic metres)	Comments
e.g. Sheep	*200*	*0.005 per animal*	*Drinking water*
Provide details of any additional requirements (washing / cleaning)			

7.2 For golf course irrigation:

Feature	Maximum area to be irrigated daily (hectares)	Maximum depth of water to be applied daily (millimetres)
e.g. Greens	*0.9*	*220*
Tees		
Greens		
Fairways		
Others		

7.3 For industrial use:

Industry sector or process type	Water use per unit produced (state units)	Maximum units produced per year
e.g. Ice cream	*1.9 cubic metres per tonne of ice cream*	*10,000 tonnes*

7.4 For hydropower:

If you have submitted this information as part of your pre-application enquiry and no changes have been made to your proposal in the meantime, you are not required to provide these details again.

% abstraction and zone applied for (see HGN2)	Average gradient of depleted reach (%)	Catchment size above abstraction point (kilometres square d)	Net head between abstraction and discharge points (metres)
Turbine efficiency (%)	**System efficiency (%)**	**Maximum power output (kilowatts)**	**Annual capacity (kilowatt hours)**

State the length of depleted reach (in metres)

Provide the flow data (in cubic metres per second) & ratios specified below:	
Q95	
Q10	
Qmean	
What is the ratio of Q95:Qmean?	
What is the ratio of Q10:Qmean?	

Please send us a copy of the full flow duration curve for the site and confirm the method used to derive this. If you have used modelling software such as LowFlows, please provide us with a copy of the output (graph, data and catchment map) including the Long Term Average rainfall.

What low flow protection* do you propose to maintain in the depleted reach when the hydropower scheme is operating (in m^3/s)?

* Low flow protection is the flow rate above which abstraction can begin and is separate to the abstraction % take, see HGN2 for details.

8. Means of measurement

State how you intend to measure abstracted quantities at each abstraction point.

Meter ☐ Power Generated ☐ Other ☐

If other, please specify: Transfer licence

9. Water efficiency

Describe all steps you have taken or intend to introduce to ensure efficient use of water, such as water storage, re-use or conservation provision. If necessary, continue on a separate sheet and tick here to show that you have done this. ☐

Water abstracted is for a transfer along a reinstated course of the Afon Morlais and is returned to the river at a point SN 44900 05170 downstream of the racecourse where the reinstated channel and the diversion channel join.

10. Fish and eel considerations (surface water abstractions only)

10.1 Confirm the fish species present at your site. If you are submitting a survey or report with your application, please tick here to show that you have done this. ☐

Not known, but scheme has re-instated channel previously diverted and created new habitat

10.2 Does your proposal include measures to safeguard fish and eels? Only provide details of outfall screening if abstracted water is to be discharged back into a watercourse.

	Intake	Outfall
Type of fish screen	n/a	n/a
Screen aperture size (mm)	n/a	n/a

11. Discharge details

11.1 If you intend to return any of the abstracted water to the environment, provide details below. Details of discharge location(s) should correspond with any maps submitted.

Discharge location name / reference	National Grid Reference of discharge point (12 digit)	Total volume to be discharged (cubic metres)	Environmental Permit for Water Discharge Activity number (if applicable)
Downstream Foss Las Racecourse	SN 44900 05170	Return of transferred water according to the abstraction flow split	n/a

11.2 Provide a description of the structure and equipment involved in discharge.

Water abstracted is for a transfer along a reinstated course of the Afon Morlais and is returned to the river at a point SN 44900 05170 downstream of the racecourse where the reinstated channel and the diversion channel join. There is no structure, just the confluence of the reinstated river channel and the diversion channel

12. Other abstractors / water users

Provide details of nearby abstractors or users of water who could be affected by your proposal. This should include deregulated users (exempt activities or abstractions < 20 cubic metres per day), anglers and canoeists.

None

13. Planning application

Have you sought advice on your planning application?

No ☒ Yes ☐

If yes, submit a copy of the Planning Authority's response.

14. Declaration

Please see Guidance Note WRX for details of who can sign this section and note the information in that document relating to the Data Protection Act 1998.

By signing below, you are declaring that as far as you know and believe the information given in this form, on any map and in any supporting or additional information, is true.

Signed	
Print name	Dr Peter Stone
Position	Agent
Date	22/02/2019

Application Checklist

Please tick the following checklist items to indicate that you have included the required information. If any sections of the form are left blank and no supporting information submitted, where we have insufficient information to make a decision on your application, we will return your application to you.

Essential:

Form WRA completed ☒

Map showing applicant's land boundary with all abstraction and discharge point(s) clearly marked ☒

Evidence of negotiations of expected access rights, if applicable ☐

State number of continuation sheets (enter 0 if none included) 4 documents

Where relevant:

Letter of authorisation from the applicant, allowing the agent to act as signatory ☒

Form WRE completed, if your proposal also requires an impoundment licence ☐

Further information requested in our pre-application response letter to you ☐

For hydropower applications, full flow duration curve for the site, confirmation of the method used to derive this and a copy of the output (graph, data and catchment map) including the Long Term Average rainfall, where available ☐

Planning Authority response, where available ☐

Additional supporting information - please list below:

(Supplementary information document)
Previous temporary licence
Hydrology/design document