

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.

Technical variation of an abstraction licence. Also complete form WRD.

Please provide existing licence serial number, if applicable

WA/056/0044/0004

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.

NRW internal application

Applicant details

Applicant type

Charity

Applicant details

Full Name Dr Adam Comerford

Company, Charity or Trading Name Canal & River Trust

Company or Charity Registration Number 7807276

Applicant Registered Address

Line 1 Canal & River Trust National Waterways Museum
Line 2 South Pier Road
Line 3 Ellesmere Port
Line 4 Cheshire
Postcode CH65 4FW

Applicant Contact details

Office Telephone Number 07810 856554
Mobile Telephone Number 07810 856554
Email Address Adam.Comerford@canalrivertrust.org.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

Yes

Details of individual authorised to act as abstraction records (returns) contact

Specify who we should contact regarding abstraction records (returns):

Existing returns contact

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

- File: Abstraction Point and land ownership.jpg - [Download](#)

For abstraction licence applications where you are the landowner, provide a map with the land boundary and all abstraction and discharge point(s) marked.

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?

Yes

Provide reference number or staff member's name

Emma Allcorn, Tim Cross

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)

SO0397528882

Source of supply (name of watercourse or aquifer)

Inland water (river) known as River Usk at Brecon

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

Brecon Sluice

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.

We have been made aware by Tim Cross in the NRW Hydrometric team that there is a current unintended error/complication of our issued licence for the Brecon abstraction from the River Usk. The error is that, as the conditions are written, we cannot make use of any support water provided by DCWW when the flow in the River Usk goes below band 1, which was clearly not the intention of the conditions. This is a change to be made by NRW but via an application by the Trust as licence holder, as the licence wording has these unintended consequences that were not picked up by NRW or the Trust at the time of the licence determination (December 2022) during the "operator review" stage.

We have been assured that there will be no cost to this variation, and have outlined what we expect the variation to look like.

We have also attached the correspondence on this matter for details.

We have also spoken with Ann Weedy who is aware that this application will be coming into the queue.

Summary of proposal

- File: Correspondance Tim Cross Sarah Edwards.docx - [Download](#)
- File: Usk at Brecon Licence Variation.docx - [Download](#)

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 Adam Comerford
Print name ADAM COMERFORD
Position National Hydrology Manager

Date

* 01/07/2025

Would you like a copy of your submission?

Yes

Your email address

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