

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 (opens in new tab) 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 (opens in new tab) web page for details of application fees and how to pay.

New full abstraction licence. Also complete form WRD.

New impoundment licence. Also complete form WRE.

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

Please add your BACS reference below

WROWENRENEWABLES2002

Applicant details

Applicant type

Limited company

Applicant details

Full Name	Thomas Owen
Company, Charity or Trading Name	Owen Renewables Cyf
Company or Charity Registration Number	14002978

Applicant Registered Address

Line 1 Penmaenucha Farm
Line 2 Penmaenpool
Line 3 Dolgellau
Line 4 Gwynedd
Postcode LL40 1YD

Applicant Contact details

Office Telephone Number 07854 949705
Mobile Telephone Number 07854 949705
Email Address owenenviro@gmail.com

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 John Howarth
Company, Charity or Trading Name John Howarth Hydropower Services
Position in Company Proprietor

Applicant Registered Address

Line 1 Felin Lifo
Line 2 Talybont
Line 3 Ceredigion
Line 4 -
Postcode SY24 5DJ

Applicant Contact details

Office Telephone Number 07831786921
Mobile Telephone Number 07831786921
Email Address jhhydro@googlemail.com

For applications for abstraction licences who should we contact for invoices?

Not necessary for temporary or transfer licences.

Applicant

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: AH01 Rev A Abergwynant Hydro Location of Scheme Elements 3rd Jan 2023.pdf - [Download](#)

Other supporting documents

- File: 2024-10-06_summary_of_title_CYM854143_GOV.UK.pdf - [Download](#)
- File: 2024-10-06_title_plan_CYM854143_GOV.UK.pdf - [Download](#)
- File: RegisterWA484376Gribbib.PDF - [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.

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?

Yes

Provide reference number or staff member's name

WA/064/0005/017. Charlotte Lillywhite. Also on site meetings and fish pass proposal development with Katrina Marshall and Tomi Hughes. Previous Application in March 2023, WROWENRENEWABLES2403. Sam Bosanquet to agree abstraction proposal for bryophytes.

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)

267960, 316970

Source of supply (name of watercourse or aquifer)

Afon Gwynant

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

Abergwynant Hydro

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.

For full details, see Supporting Information Document AHD01 and the Geomorphology Photo Survey which shows photos of the existing weir.

In summary, we propose to refurbish and upgrade an existing (currently not operational) hydro scheme, including repair and modification of the existing weir, improvements to the fish bypass channel, installation of a new residual flow notch, a new coanda intake screen, replacement of the old pipeline, refurbishment of the old powerhouse building to install a new turbine, generator and control system, replacement of the existing buried tailrace and outfall screen discharge to the river.

Summary of proposal

- File: AHD01 Abergwynant Hydro Supporting Information Rev B 12th Feb 2026.pdf - [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 John Howarth
Print name John Howarth
Position Agent

If an agent is to sign on behalf of the Licence Holder, a letter of authorisation from the Licence Holder is required.

- File: Owen Renewables Authorisation Letter.jpg - [Download](#)

Date

* 20/02/2026

Submit your application

Enter your email address to get a copy of your application

jhydro@googlemail.com