# 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.<br><br>Example: WRNATURALRESOURCESWALES1101<br><br>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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| WRSAIPEM2210 |

| 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.<br><br>See our Charges for abstraction and impoundment applications (opens in new tab) web page for details of application fees and how to pay. |
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| Technical variation of an abstraction licence. Also complete form WRD. |

| Please provide existing licence serial number, if applicable |
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| WA/067/0010/0022 |

| 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.<br><br>If paying by cheque, please ensure you add the six digit cheque number below. |
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| NRW internal application |

| Please add your BACS reference below |
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| NRW/SWL24-380-2810 |

## Applicant details

| Applicant type |
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| Limited company |

## Applicant details

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| **Full Name** | Saipem Limited |
| **Company, Charity or Trading Name** | Saipem Limited |
| **Company or Charity Registration Number** | - |

## Applicant Registered Address

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|---|---|
| **Line 1** | Saipem House |
| **Line 2** | 12-42 Wood Street |
| **Line 3** | Kingston Upon Thames |
| **Line 4** | Surrey |
| **Postcode** | KT1 1TG |

## Applicant Contact details

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|---|---|
| **Office Telephone Number** | 02082965359 |
| **Mobile Telephone Number** | 02082965359 |
| **Email Address** | julia.frost@saipem.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

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|---|---|
| **Full Name** | Mark Pickett |
| **Company, Charity or Trading Name** | Stuart Wells Ltd |
| **Position in Company** | Stuart Wells Ltd |

| Applicant Registered Address | |
|---|---|
| **Line 1** | Stuart House |
| **Line 2** | Hargham Road |
| **Line 3** | Shropham |
| **Line 4** | Norfolk |
| **Postcode** | NR17 1DT |

| Applicant Contact details | |
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| **Office Telephone Number** | 01953 454540 |
| **Mobile Telephone Number** | 07900930895 |
| **Email Address** | mark.pickett@stuartwells.co.uk |

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: 2026-106-002-005 final many areas.pdf - Download

Other supporting documents

- File: 000593-DV-EX-LET-LBC-SF3-0302 - Letter of appointment (2).pdf - Download

| For abstraction licence applications where you are the occupier or have rights of access, please also provide the additional evidence as outlined above. |
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| 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? |
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| Yes |

| Provide reference number or staff member's name |
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| Liz Cole PPN-01697 |

## Remediation work

| Is this proposal as a result of a Restoring Sustainable Abstraction programme or other work requested by us? |
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| No |

## Source of supply

| State where you intend to abstract from |
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| Groundwater. e.g. Borehole, mine, unlined excavation |

| Provide a 12 digit National Grid Reference for the proposed or existing abstraction or impoundment point (e.g. ST 19057 76826) |
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| SJ 12277 84007 |

| Source of supply (name of watercourse or aquifer) |
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| Tidal Flat Deposits |

| Site name / reference<br>(e.g. Tŷ Mawr Farm) |
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| Point of Ayr Gas Terminal, Station Road, Talacre, Holywell |

## Proposal summary

| Please provide an outline of your proposal, including any sketches. |
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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.

The updated groundwater modelling report (see 2026-106-002-005 final many areas) assesses the impact of Saipem's proposal to excavate from a number of areas at the site simultaneously. It considers a worst case scenario and presents a number of different dewatering combinations in Section 5 to demonstrate the impact of multiple abstractions. Some of the combinations are significantly greater than the permitted maximum so will not be undertaken. A number of the others are slightly over the maximum rate, however, these are calculated based on worst case scenario and are believed to be highly conservative. In these situations excavation and dewatering activities will managed to ensure the maximum flow rate is not exceeded.

The general dewatering strategy remains the same, in that deep wells are proposed to control groundwater levels in deeper excavations. Whilst conventional sump pumping techniques will be utilised for shallow excavations. The shallow excavations will be dug in small sections at a time, rather than opening the whole trench at one time.

Excavation Progress to Date:
Excavations associated with decommissioning works have commenced in some of the currently permitted areas but groundwater has not been encountered at the anticipated levels. As a result, to date no deep wells have been required to be installed to manage the groundwater on site.

Below is a summary update for each specific excavation area:

Area A - the excavation is complete and the area has been backfilled
Area B – deep excavation is complete and the area is currently being backfilled
Area C – deep excavation is complete and the area is currently being backfilled
Area D - excavation has commenced but not yet got to full depth.
Area E – work not yet commenced
Area F – excavation is complete and the area has been backfilled
Area G – excavation is complete and the area has been backfilled

In areas A, B, C, F & G there are some further excavations required for construction purposes (i.e. for foundations and cables) but it is not expected that these will need to go below 2.5m below ground level.

PFAS Contamination:
A number of PFAS contaminated hot spots were identified on site. The soils from these have been removed and the areas backfilled, thus reducing the potential for further contamination of the aquifer. The FM02 and FM06 hot spots were excavated and backfilled and all validation samples were significantly lower than the 600 µg/kg remediation criterion. Around 17,800 tonnes of PFAS impacted soil was removed from the Inlet area in June and July 2026 and results received to date indicate very low levels of residual PFAS only.
Any groundwater abstracted under the licence is drawn from the same aquifer that is covered by the monthly groundwater monitoring programme. It is captured and treated through the Phase 2 GAC system where PFOS removal of more than 99% has been demonstrated each week before discharge to Talacre Brook via emission point W1 under the environmental permit. Monitoring will continue monthly through construction and into the post construction period so any change in groundwater quality linked to abstraction would be identified.
The potential for further PFAS contamination to the aquifer as a result of groundwater abstractions has therefore been minimised.

Noise from the Abstraction Activities:
We do not believe that there will be a significant increase in noise as a result of the proposal to abstract from a number of excavations simultaneously. Therefore our response to the impact on marine birds provided in the original application remains valid.

Additional Excavations:
The additional excavations where deep well dewatering is anticipated are referred to as; Clean Water Sump, Utility Area and Pipeline. In addition to these there will be a number of smaller, shallower excavations (Pipe Trenches) that will be managed using sump pumping. These pipe trenches are indicated in figure 1.2 as the smaller red hatched lines. These trenches are distinct from the larger areas and will be excavated in small sections at a time rather than the whole line in one go. Their details are included in Table 1.1 of the attached groundwater modelling report (2026-106-002-005 final

many areas), which is within the area demarcated by the purple line in Figure 1.2, and the boundary map attached. The co-ordinates of this area are provided below.

In summary, we are looking to vary our existing abstraction licence (licence serial number: WA/067/0010/0022) to allow Saipem Limited to abstract groundwater simultaneously from a number of excavations situated within the purple outlined area on the site known as Point of Ayr Gas Terminal, please find National Grid references below. However, we would not exceed the current permitted maximum flow rate.

Centre point: SJ 12277 84007
Area corners: SJ 12050 84145, SJ 12494 84145, SJ 12491 83813 and SJ 12034 83893.

Summary of proposal

- File: Boundary map.pdf - Download
- File: 2026-106-002-005 final many areas.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** Mark Pickett

**Print name** Mark Pickett

**Position** Technical Director

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

- File: Saipem - Delegation of Authority Letter Stuart Wells Final (002)_SignedRP.pdf - Download

Date

* 30/10/2026

## Submit your application

Enter your email address to get a copy of your application

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