



Date: 27<sup>th</sup> January 2020

Mrs Elizabeth Weedon  
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By email: lweedon@bluestonewales.com

Dear Mrs. Weedon

### **Acknowledgement of your application for a transitional abstraction licence(s)**

**Application number: PAN-003001**  
**Applicant: Bluestone Resorts Ltd**  
**Site: Bluestone Resort**

Thank you for your application for a new full abstraction licence which has been accepted as valid.

You can continue to abstract the same quantities of water you have applied for (67,101 m<sup>3</sup> per year) until we have reached a decision on your application. It is an offence to abstract more water without a licence and we may take enforcement action. It is your responsibility to ensure you apply for the required licence(s).

If you wish to apply to increase your application abstraction quantities you should do this through our normal application procedure, details of which are available from the 'Related document downloads' section of the following webpage:

[Home](#) > [Permits and Permissions](#) > [Water abstraction and impoundment licences](#) > [Apply for a water abstraction or impoundment licence](#)

Your application will be determined within the three-year period between 01 January 2020 and 31 December 2022.

If we cannot make a decision on your licence application by 31 December 2022, you can appeal to the Planning Inspectorate in Wales at the following address:

The Planning Inspectorate  
Crown Buildings  
Cathays Park  
Cardiff  
CF10 3NQ  
Phone: 02920 823857

You can get a standard notice for making an appeal from the address above. The

notice of appeal must be sent to the Planning Inspectorate **within 28 days** of the 31 December 2022 (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, the Planning Inspectorate has the power to allow a longer period for serving a notice of appeal.

We will write to you once your application is allocated to a permitting officer and determination of your application commences. At this time, we will also decide whether your application is required to be advertised and we will inform you of the cost of putting the notice in a local newspaper and our administration fee. We may also require further information from you about your application during the determination process.

If we grant you a full abstraction licence, you will usually have to pay an annual charge for the amount of water you are authorised to abstract, calculated in accordance with our Abstraction Charges Scheme, available on our website. The amount you pay will depend on what you use the water for, the source from which it is abstracted and the season in which you take it. An estimate of your annual charges was provided in an email dated 14<sup>th</sup> January and is appended to this letter for ease of reference (see Appendix 1 below).

You may also be required to measure and report the quantity of water you abstract. We will discuss these requirements with you during the determination of your application. Even if you have not taken any water, you must submit a nil return if your licence states that you must report your water use. If you do not submit your record of actual abstraction when required to do so, we may take enforcement action.

You should note that 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 occurred.

If you have any questions, please contact the Water Resources Permitting Team on the details provided below.

Yours sincerely

Mary Beckett

Water Resources Permitting Team  
Natural Resources Wales

Direct phone line: 0300 065 3016

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## Appendix 1: Abstraction charges information for Bluestone Resorts Ltd

**From:** Beckett, Mary [<mailto:Mary.Beckett@cyfoethnaturiolcymru.gov.uk>]

**Sent:** 14 January 2020 12:51

**To:** Liz Weedon

**Subject:** RE: NRW: Bore hole

Dear Liz,

Many thanks for the email below and additional information. I just tried calling but expect you are on lunch. Hopefully I have explained everything below but please call me if you have any queries. I'm working from home today so please call my mobile - 07919014712.

To answer your questions first:

- A map showing the borehole location in relation to the Bluestone site boundary was provided with the original application submitted by Ged Davies so is **not required** (see supporting document attached).
- Details of the discharge consent were provided in the original form submitted by Ged Davies, so again are **not required** (see original form attached – table 9.1).

Having reviewed the updated information I have the following questions:

- **Max abstraction quantities**

In Table 8.1 on the revised version of Form WRH (attached for ease of reference) you have confirmed the maximum quantities of water you wish to have licensed are those abstracted in 2014, as the highest maximum **annual** quantity (67,101 m<sup>3</sup>) was recorded in this year. However we note that higher **daily** (461 m<sup>3</sup>) and **hourly** (19.2 m<sup>3</sup>) quantities are specified for 2016. If so, we believe the quantities you wish to have licensed are as follows:

67,101 m<sup>3</sup> per year

461 m<sup>3</sup> per day

19.2 m<sup>3</sup> per hour

**Please confirm if the above quantities are those you wish to have licensed.**

Please note, email confirmation is sufficient, there is no need to amend or resubmit the form.

- **Evidence of abstraction**

Thank you for providing the monthly summary data for years 2014 – present. This is satisfactory evidence of the maximum **annual** abstraction quantity applied for.

However, we note that the average **daily** quantities calculated from the monthly totals are less than the maximum daily quantities specified in Table 8.1 of Form WRH. For example, in 2016 the highest monthly total (5,332 m<sup>3</sup>) was recorded in January. From this, the average daily quantity is calculated as 172 m<sup>3</sup> (i.e. 5,332 m<sup>3</sup> divided by 31 = 172 m<sup>3</sup>), which is less than the 461 m<sup>3</sup> per day specified in Table 8.1 on Form WRH.

To help us verify the maximum daily abstraction quantities specified in Table 8.1 and above, **please provide any daily abstraction data** that may be available. Preferably this would be for the year 2016, as this is when we believe the highest daily abstraction quantity was recorded.

Finally, we discussed yesterday the various fees and charges associated with abstraction licensing. Please note, details of these were available in the guidance note for WRH, and further information is provided once an application has been validated. However, to assist with your budget planning, I have outlined the relevant information below.

As set out in our [2019/20 Scheme of Abstraction Charges](#) there are 3 main fees and charges associated with abstraction licensing:

1. **Application fee** - for a full licence the application fee is £135, and has already been paid for your application.
2. **Advertising** - your application may need to be advertised, in which case you will need to pay the cost of putting the advert in a local paper (costs vary between £300 -

£1300) and our administration fee (£100). We are required to advertise transitional applications by June 2021. We will write to you before then to advise if your application needs advertising and what the fees are likely to be.

3. **Annual Charge** - once a licence is issued, it is usually subject to an annual charge. As explained, charges are variable depending on certain factors, including the maximum annual abstraction quantity. The table below gives an indication of the charges that are likely to be payable based on our [2019/20 Scheme of Abstraction Charges](#), which explains the different charge factors in more detail.

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Volume (MI)	Source	Season	Loss	Standard Unit Charge (SUC)	Environmental Improvement Unit Charge (EIUC)	Charge (£)
67.1	1	1	0.6	15.12	0.0	<b>£608.74</b>

Please note all fees and charges are subject to review and change. For the most up to date information please refer to the charges pages of our website here:

<https://naturalresources.wales/about-us/what-we-do/how-we-regulate-you/our-charges/?lang=en>

As advised yesterday, our deadline for determining your application is 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022. Once we have completed our technical checks for all transitional licence applications we will be undertaking a screening and prioritisation exercise, which will provide us with a better idea of when your application is likely to be determined and when the annual charges will become payable. We will keep you updated on this.

Many thanks,

**Mary Beckett**

Uwch Swyddog (Trwyddedu Adnoddau Dwr) / Senior Officer (Water Resources Permitting)

Cyfoeth Naturiol Cymru / Natural Resources Wales

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Tŷ Cambria, Caerdydd / Cambria House, Cardiff

***Sylwer: fy mhatrwm gwaith arferol yw dydd Llun i ddydd Mercher / Please note: my usual working pattern is Monday to Wednesday.***

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