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10<sup>th</sup> September 2019

Dear Mr & Mrs Platel,

**Water Resources Act 1991 – Illegal abstraction of inland waters at Gilfach Orfydd Farm, Blackmill, Bridgend**

NRW visited your property at the Gilfach Orfydd Hydro Electricity site In April 2017 and were satisfied that there was a realistic prospect of conviction in relation to offences contrary to Section 24(1) and (4)(a) Water Resources Act – abstracting water without a licence and Section 14(8) Salmon and Freshwater Fisheries Act 1975 – failure to place or maintain a screen or provide a by-wash in specific circumstances.

We further attended in May 2018 and August 2018 and were satisfied that the site was no longer operational. In light of the fact that the offending is not ongoing as well as the length of time since the offending behaviour was identified, we have decided that it is not in the public interest to pursue a prosecution on this occasion. **However, please note that where any new information is received or any further offending behaviour is identified, we may choose to review this decision. I would like to remind you that the scheme MUST NOT be operating and abstracting water without an Impoundment and Abstraction License from Natural Resources Wales.**

If you would like to discuss this any further, then please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Yours sincerely,

**Alun Thomas  
Environment Officer**

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