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Dear Mr Whitehead,

Update on full transitional abstraction licence

Application number(s): PAN-004217

Applicant: Springfield Soft Fruit Ltd

Site: Springfield R&D Centre

Following our letter dated 16th July 2019, we are writing to you to provide a further update of your application.

I will be the officer responsible for determining your application. For any queries regarding your application please contact me using the details provided below.

I have now begun to determine your application and will keep you updated on the progress and likely date of issue. Please note that the legislation requires us to determine your application by 31 December 2022.

We can confirm that your application is not required to be advertised.

If there have been any changes to your abstraction activity (e.g. land ownership, abstraction quantities etc.) please let us know.

Following initial review of your application, please can you provide further information regarding the means of measurement of your abstraction.

It is our understanding that abstraction quantities are calculated using PRIVA software systems. Please confirm whether a meter is in place to measure these abstracted quantities, and if so, the type of meter that is in place.

Please provide all the requested information by 28th January 2021.

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.

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 can continue to abstract the same quantities of water you have applied for 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](#)

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.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact us using the details below.

Yours sincerely

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