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Dear Ms Clayton,

## **Invalid transitional abstraction licence application**

**Application Number:** PAN-006893

**Applicant:** Mr Angus Davison

**Site:** Haygrove Rhymney Valley

We have received your application for a new transitional water resources licence, however further information is required before we can accept it as valid. Please see below outlining what further information is required.

## **Abstraction Quantities, History and Evidence**

### Maximum abstraction Quantities

On your application form (table 8.1) you have not specified which are the maximum quantities you wish to have licensed. Please confirm which maximum quantity abstracted during the qualifying period that you are applying for.

I can see that you have calculated your quantities based on the financial year (April to March). For evidence, we require quantities to be calculated using the appropriate the calendar year (January to December). As such, the quantity abstracted during 2017 would be 39,392 m3.

### Evidence

You have not provided sufficient supporting evidence to demonstrate that you have previously abstracted water within the qualifying period (1 January 2011 and 31 December 2017) in accordance with the Water Resources (Transitional Provisions) Regulations 2017.

You have submitted Trickle Abstraction Usage Records, to help us verify the abstraction quantities and further demonstrate that abstraction was taking place during the qualifying period, could you please also provide calibration /certification

details of the meter used.

For further information and guidance regarding the evidence requirements for transitional applications, please refer to our website:

[Home](#) > [Permits and permissions](#) > [Water Abstraction and Impoundment Licences](#) > [Changes to water abstraction licensing exemptions](#) > [Guidance note- Evidence for new authorisations applications](#)

If you cannot supply evidence of your abstraction to support your **transitional** application, it will not be accepted and you will need to apply for an abstraction licence through our **normal** application procedure – see below for further information.

### **Abstraction duration**

You have advised that you require a longer duration licence. Any licence issued is likely to be limited to the common end date for the catchment, which is **31st March 2029**. This time limit is linked to future reviews of water resources within a Catchment Abstraction Management Strategy (CAMS) area. At the end of the time limit, we should be able to renew the licence if:

- there is no damage to the environment;
- the need for the abstraction can still be justified;
- water is being used efficiently; and
- you still meet the usual legal requirements for getting a licence.

We do not guarantee that we will renew the licence. We will contact you before your licence ends to tell you about the renewal process.

Please confirm you wish to proceed with an application on this basis. However, if you require a licence for a longer duration (as indicated) you will be required to submit a business case.

Within this business case you must address the following points:

- Explain how the lifetime of the infrastructure is inseparably associated with the licence and will extend over the desired duration of the licence.
- Explain the continuous need for the service or product the infrastructure supplies throughout the proposed duration of the licence.
- Assess the likely environmental and economic changes that may affect the abstraction over the proposed duration period and that the assessment shows no significant concerns.
- Explain how the infrastructure contributes to sustainable development.

If you require further guidance regarding this please contact us.

Please provide the above information as soon as possible so that we can validate your application. Please note, we cannot guarantee to check any further supporting information received within three months of the **31 December 2019** application period deadline, therefore we recommend you submit this information as soon as possible.

If we do not receive the information requested above, or we are unable to validate your application by the December 2019 deadline, and you wish to continue abstracting after January 2020, you will need to apply for a licence under our

standard application process. For further information please refer to our abstraction and impoundment licensing webpages:

[Home](#) > [Permits and permissions](#) > [Water Abstraction and Impoundment Licences](#)

It is your responsibility to ensure you apply for the required licence(s). It is an offence to abstract without a licence and we may take enforcement action.

If you have any questions about your application, please contact me (see below for details).

Yours sincerely,

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