

From: EIR Compliance

To:

Subject: 20260416 – EIR – Data Supplied

Date: 16 April 2026 16:34:00

Reference Number: **EIR**

Dear

We refer to your request for information submitted to Yorkshire Water dated 18 March 2026:

“I would be grateful if you could you provide a list of Live/ Outstanding Section 104 Bond Agreements, whereby the site has not been adopted, including: site reference number, developer, site name, date technical approval submitted, date technical approval granted, current bond value and guarantor/surety provider.”

We wrote to you on the 7 April to request clarification on the timeframe for your request, you responded on the 8 April to advise you would appreciate the data going as far back as possible.

In regard to your request for site reference number, developer site name we are writing to inform you that your request for environmental information has been partially refused in accordance with the Environmental Information Regulations (EIR) 2004. Regulation 12(5)(e) provides that environmental information does not have to be disclosed where disclosure would adversely affect the confidentiality of commercial or industrial information where such confidentiality is provided by law to protect a legitimate economic interest. The restriction in relation to the disclosure of information obtained by virtue of the provisions of the Water Industry Act 1991 ("WIA") is set out in S206 WIA. The restriction contained in S206 WIA provides, insofar as is material that "no information with respect of any particular business which (a) has been obtained by virtue of any of the provisions of this Act; and (b) relates to the affairs of any ... particular business, shall ... so long as that business continues to be carried on, be disclosed without the consent of ... the person for the time being carrying on that business.

Regulation 12(5)(e) enables us to withhold information provided the public interest in withholding it outweighs the public interest in it being disclosed. There is also a presumption in favour of disclosure. We have considered the public interest in withholding and disclosing the information. We recognise that there is a public interest in transparency and accountability and also promoting understanding of environmental issues. Against this we have weighed the public interest in complying with the provisions of the WIA and not unlawfully breaching the same. We have also considered that our customers would expect Yorkshire Water to comply with the provisions of the WIA. We have concluded that on balance the public interest in this information being withheld is greater than in it being disclosed.

In regards to your request for current bond value. We have reviewed your request under the Environmental Information Regulations 2004. Following the definition of environmental information given within the regulations, your request for information does not fall within the scope of this legislation. We will consequently not be providing you with the information you have requested.

For your information, the definition of environmental information we have used, given as Regulation 2(1), is reproduced below:

- (a) The state of the elements of the environment, such as air and atmosphere, water, soil, land, landscape and natural sites including wetlands, coastal and marine areas, biological diversity and its components, including genetically modified organisms, and the interaction among these elements;
- (b) Factors, such as substances, energy, noise, radiation or waste, including radioactive waste, emissions, discharges and other releases into the environment, affecting or likely to affect the elements of the environment referred to in (a);
- (c) Measures (including administrative measures), such as policies, legislation, plans, programmes, environmental agreements, and activities affecting or likely to affect the elements and factors referred to in (a) and (b) as well as measures or activities designed to protect those elements;
- (d) Reports on the implementation of environmental legislation;

- (e) Cost-benefit and other economic analyses and assumptions used within the framework of the measures and activities referred to in (c); and
- (f) The state of human health and safety, including the contamination of the food chain, where relevant, conditions of human life, cultural sites and built structures inasmuch as they are or may be affected by the state of the elements of the environment referred to in (a) or, through those elements, by any of the matters referred to in (b) and (c).

Whilst we have determined in reviewing your request, we are unable to disclose all the information you requested, please find below the information that we can provide in response to your request. We have provided some additional information that may assist you with your request, where we are unable to disclose the information originally requested:

Date Application Received	Date Acceptance Issued	Type of Acceptance Issued	Surety Y/N
17/04/2025	08/05/2025	Technical Acceptance	YES
18/03/2025	18/06/2025	Technical Acceptance	YES
30/06/2025	11/12/2025	Technical Acceptance	YES

26/02/2024	15/10/2024	Technical Acceptance	YES
30/07/2024	17/10/2024	Technical Acceptance	YES
22/08/2024	01/11/2024	Technical Acceptance	YES
27/11/2023	07/11/2024	Technical Acceptance	YES
20/02/2024	11/11/2024	Technical Acceptance	YES
12/04/2024	14/11/2024	Technical Acceptance	YES
15/09/2021	14/11/2024	Technical Acceptance	YES
15/10/2021	10/12/2024	Technical Acceptance	YES
01/11/2024	04/03/2025	Technical Acceptance	YES
20/12/2024	05/03/2025	Technical Acceptance	YES
19/03/2020	19/03/2025	Technical Acceptance	YES

We trust that the provision of this data satisfies your request. In accordance with the Environmental Information Regulations 2004, if you are not satisfied with this reply to your request you can ask for an internal review. A request for an internal review must be submitted within 40 working days by contacting the Data Protection Team.

Thank you for contacting Yorkshire Water.

Yours sincerely,

Data Protection Team

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