

From: EIR Compliance

To:

Subject: 2025124 - EIR

Date: 24 December 2025 10:45:52

Reference Number: EIR

Dear

We refer to your request for environmental information submitted to Yorkshire Water dated 26 November 2025.

"I would like to request information on any planning applications which have been made in your area within the last 5 years where the sewage capacity has been deemed inadequate.

Please can you list in the format below:

The date and location of the planning request

The number of properties planned

Whether the system in the location has/had enough capacity to support the development

What decision was ultimately made and whether the development was built - and whether it was connected to the sewage system.

Date (month/year) and loc of planning request	No of properties planned	Sewage capacity status of the site (spare capacity/ at	Planning decision (eg pre commencement sewage system expansion,	Was the development built?	Was the development connected to the sewage system?
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		capacity/ over capacity)	preoccupation etc)		
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Please can you also list the sites in your jurisdiction where sewage infrastructure is over or at capacity.”

We have reviewed your request under the Environmental Information Regulations 2004.

Regulation 12(4)(e) provides that a public authority may refuse to disclose information to the extent that the request involves the disclosure of internal communications. Internal documents are considered internal communications as they are generated for the purpose of facilitating internal review and discussion Yorkshire Water. In applying this exemption, we are required to consider the public interest in maintaining the exception against the public interest in disclosure.

We recognise that there is a public interest in transparency, accountability and openness in relation to information relating to sewerage capacity. However, there is also a strong public interest in allowing us the space to carry out our internal discussions effectively, disclosure of internal documents at this stage would risk impact this and could lead to confusion by releasing information that does not represent a final position. It is essential that we communicate internally without concern that any preliminary observation/assessments or draft opinions will be made public. As such, we are withholding the internal audit documents you have requested under Regulation 12(4)(e) of the EIR.

In accordance with the Environmental Information Regulations 2004, if you are not satisfied with the 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.

If you are not satisfied with the outcome of the internal review you have the right of appeal to the Information Commissioner who can be contacted at:

Information Commissioner's Office

Wycliffe House

Water Lane

Wilmslow

Cheshire

SK9 5AF

Tel: 0303 123 1113

Web: <http://www.ico.org.uk>

Thank you for contacting Yorkshire Water.

Yours sincerely,

Data Protection Team

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