

From: EIR Compliance

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Dear

We refer to your request for information submitted to Yorkshire Water dated 26 August 2025:

1. *"Are there pathways between the water courses surrounding LBA and drinking/household water supplies?"*
2. *What monitoring has been carried out by Yorkshire Water to measure Pfas levels in the water courses surrounding LBA?*
3. *What is the risk that Pfas from LBA have drained into the public wastewater sewer network, thus contaminating sewage treatment plants? This is a concern because treated and overflow/untreated wastewater could still contain Pfas and end up in 'natural' water courses.*
4. *As you will be aware, the remaining sewage sludge can be recycled as agricultural fertiliser and even bio-fuel. What measures have been taken to assess the risk that Pfas from LBA have entered the food chain and the air by that route?*
5. *Pending the results of the DWI's long-term monitoring programme, what steps are being taken to minimise possible contamination of drinking/household water sources and wastewater treatment plants via, for example, hard-surface run-off?*
6. *Does LBA still use firefighting foam that contains Pfas?"*

Included with this email are the responses to your questions.

Question 1 response

Leeds Bradford Airport (LBA) is not in the catchment of any of our drinking water sources.

Question 2 response

We have been monitoring for PFAS in water supplying our sites for a number of years. However, no monitoring has been carried out by Yorkshire Water in the water courses surrounding Leeds Bradford Airport as these do not supply any of our drinking water sources. General river water quality monitoring is the responsibility of the Environment Agency.

Question 3 response

As confirmed earlier in our response LBA is not located within a groundwater source protection zone.

We understand LBA has EA permits for all discharges of surface water directly into watercourses which is monitored by the EA. Private surface water assets that discharge directly to water courses and do not interact with our network are the asset owner's responsibility and we have no remit over them. LBA surface water may enter our system only in periods of cold weather, as they hold trade effluent consents to discharge wastewater associated with de-icing operations.

The data protection team have conversed with the business and have established we do not monitor wastewater for PFAS. As such for the purposes of paragraph 12(4) a public authority may refuse to disclose information to the extent that (a) it does not hold that information when an applicant's request is received.

Question 4 response

Following our response to Question 3 above. The data protection team have conversed with the business and have established we do not monitor wastewater for PFAS. As such for the purposes of paragraph 12(4) a public authority may refuse to disclose information to the extent that (a) it does not hold that information when an applicant's request is received.

Question 5 response

Under the DWI's three point scale for assessment of PFAS risk Tier 3 is considered to be the level at which direct interventions should be considered to prevent health risk. No element of the drinking water supply in Yorkshire is at risk at entering Tier 3. It follows that all of the drinking water supply in Yorkshire is considered to be of an acceptable standard.

A small number of the Company's sites have demonstrated Tier 2 levels of PFAS and interventions are in place. At one site upgrades have been undertaken to improve a protective barrier and prevent runoff from a contaminated local catchment from entering a raw water source. At other locations we are liaising with local stakeholders and regulators in order to identify likely sources of PFAS in order to identify steps to achieve Tier 1 status supply to customers

Question 6 response

The data protection team have conversed with the business and have established we do not hold any of the requested data. As such for the purposes of paragraph 12(4) a public authority may refuse to disclose information to the extent that (a) it does not hold that information when an applicant's request is received. You may wish to contact Leeds Bradford Airport directly for a response to this request.

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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