

From: EIR Compliance

To:

Subject: 20251203 - EIR

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Dear

We refer to your request for information submitted to Yorkshire Water dated 5 November 2025 which is set out below.

"Please provide information held by Yorkshire Water concerning the burst pipe under the River Crimple, between the Follifoot pumping station and the Wetherby sewage treatment works.

Specifically, I request:

- 1. The total cost incurred by Yorkshire Water in relation to this repair.*
- 2. A breakdown of those costs (e.g. contractors, labour, plant hire, materials, environmental remediation, monitoring, compensation, administration, legal costs).*
- 3. The dates when the burst was discovered, when repair works began, and when they were completed (or the current status).*
- 4. Copies of any internal or external reports, assessments, invoices, or correspondence relating to the cause, decision-making, and remediation.*
- 5. Any post-repair environmental monitoring data or reports (water, soil, or riverbed) arising from this incident."*

Please find below the data which you have requested. We have adopted the numbering in your original request.

1. Total cost incurred by Yorkshire Water in relation to this repair

The total cost recorded for the repair works was: £2,418,806.45.

2. Breakdown of costs

This was split:

- Defined costs £1,035,286.59
- SOR cost: £3,645.94
- Tankering costs: £1,379,873.92

3. Dates of the incident, commencement of repair works, and completion

- Burst discovered: 16 May 2025.
- Mobilisation of tankers: 19 May 2025 , pollution stopped and flow fully under control.
- Track matting deployment: Week following 19 May 2025 to facilitate access for repair.
- Drilling under the river: Began at the end of August 2025
- Repair completed: 29 September 2025.

4. Copies of any internal or external reports, assessments, invoices, or correspondence relating to the cause, decision-making, and remediation.

After careful consideration, we are withholding certain information under Regulation 12(4)(e) of the Environmental Information Regulations 2004.

Regulation 12(4)(e) of the Environmental Information Regulations (EIR) provides that a public authority may refuse to disclose information to the extent that the request involves the disclosure of internal communications. Internal documents, such as reports, assessments, invoices, or correspondence are considered internal communications for the purposes of Regulation 12(4)(e).

This provision is intended to safeguard the integrity of internal discussion and decision-making processes. We acknowledge that there is a public interest in transparency and accountability. However, there is also a public interest in ensuring that we can conduct internal discussions and deliberations effectively, without undue external influence or interference.

After careful consideration of the public interest factors, we have concluded that the public interest in maintaining the exemption for internal communications outweighs the public interest in disclosure in this instance. Accordingly, we are withholding the internal information you have requested under Regulation 12(4)(e) of the EIR.

In addition to the above and after careful consideration, we are withholding certain information under Regulation 12(5)(b) of the Environmental Information Regulations 2004.

Regulation 12(5)(b) of the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 provides that a public authority may refuse to disclose environmental information if disclosure would adversely affect the course of justice, the ability of a person to receive a fair trial, or the conduct of criminal or disciplinary proceedings.

Disclosure of such material at this stage could prejudice ongoing investigations and related proceedings, including the potential for future enforcement action.

We recognise the public interest in transparency and accountability. However, there is a strong public interest in ensuring that any investigations and any subsequent proceedings are not compromised by premature disclosure of information.

On balance, we consider that the public interest in withholding this information outweighs the public interest in disclosure at this time.

5. Post-repair environmental monitoring data or reports

No environmental monitoring was undertaken following the completion of the repair. All monitoring activities were carried out prior to the repair works as part of the initial incident response. Therefore, we hold no post-repair monitoring data or reports.

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.

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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