

From: EIR Compliance

To:

Subject: 20260408 – EIR – Response– No data Held

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Reference Number: **EIR**

Dear

We refer to your request for Environmental information submitted to Yorkshire Water dated 17 March 2026 regarding:

“How many ‘private mains’ serving 16 or more properties Yorkshire Water are aware of within the Yorkshire region. I would also like to know the locations of any such ‘private mains’; ie. Postcode prefixes such as WF7, etc.”

We wrote to you on the 2 April 2026 to request clarification on the definition of private main:

“From our discussion with the business, we have been asked to seek clarification on your definition of Private Mains, please can you confirm:

Private Main:

- *Private mains which are not assets owned, operated or maintained by Yorkshire Water.*
- *A pipe that supplies more than one property but is not owned by the water company*

Or

Supply pipe:

- *Is a pipe that supplies one individual property from the water main or private main.*
- *This is the responsibility of the property owner."*

You responded on the same day to clarify, a Private Main a pipe that supplies more than one property but is not owned by the water company. 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 do not record private mains within our corporate record, as these are not Yorkshire Water's responsibility to maintain. As a result of this, we do not record which properties are served by private mains.

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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