

From: EIR Compliance

To:

Subject: 20250818 – EIR – Data Supplied

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Attachments: Costa Beck Report EIR 1.pdf

Reference Number: EIR

Dear

We refer to your request for information submitted to Yorkshire Water dated 21st June 2025.

"Please provide the following in relation to the proposed development of approximately 140 homes at Keld Head, Pickering, North Yorkshire, by David Wilson Homes ZE24/00588/MOUT:

- 1. All correspondence, reports, assessments, or internal communications between Yorkshire Water and any third party (including David Wilson Homes, North Yorkshire Council, or planning consultants) regarding the proposed development at Keld Head, Pickering.*
- 2. Any assessments or evaluations carried out by Yorkshire Water concerning the capacity of the Pickering Waste Water Treatment Works (WWTW) and associated sewer network to accommodate the additional load from the proposed development.*
- 3. Details of any planned or proposed upgrades to the Pickering WWTW or sewerage infrastructure in response to current or future development pressures in the Pickering area.*
- 4. Records of any known sewage discharges or overflows from the Pickering WWTW or local sewer network in the past five years, including Event Duration Monitoring (EDM) data.*

5. Any internal or external discussions or reports relating to the environmental impact of sewage discharges into the Upper Costa Beck or surrounding watercourses, particularly in relation to the ecological status of the waterbody."

Please find below and attached the data which you have requested. We have numbered your queries for ease of reference.

1. All correspondence, reports, assessments, or internal communications between Yorkshire Water and any third party

Relevant communication between YWS and a third party including the consultation response sent to NYC, this communication is publicly available and can be viewed on the council's planning portal.

2. Any assessments or evaluations carried out by Yorkshire Water concerning the capacity of the Pickering Waste Water Treatment Works

Our WWTW is currently compliant with the effluent discharge limits set within the Environmental Permit and can accept additional proposed loads.

However our network / WWTW storm system does not have the capacity to achieve the 20 discharges pa interpretation of the Urban Waste Water Treatment Regulations, as recently clarified by OFWAT.

This interpretation is relatively new to the industry and we have an investment plan to reduce discharges, taking into account planned future growth and climate change, across the next 20 years. The plan is prioritised across all infrastructure in Yorkshire based on environmental impact and priority of watercourse and is agreed with our regulators.

Our published Drainage and Wastewater Management plan determines that we will invest in this particular asset.

3. Details of any planned or proposed upgrades to the Pickering WWTW or sewerage infrastructure in response to current or future development pressures in the Pickering area.

YWS supports and encourages sustainable development, as this creates the lowest environmental impact and keep future YWS customer bills lower. For housing developers this means that we want to ensure appropriate surface water disposal to prevent unnecessary hydraulic loading particularly with rainfall. If surface water from new developments is retained in the combined sewerage system, this can lead to additional use of storm overflows and will mean that Yorkshire Water (funded by customers) will invest in larger infrastructure to prevent environmental harm of the local water environment.

The National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) sets out the principle of sustainable drainage, while the National Planning Practice Guidance (NPPG) and Part H3 of the Building Regulations 2010 establish a hierarchy for surface water disposal. This hierarchy prioritises discharge to ground (infiltration), followed by discharge to a surface water body, then to a surface water sewer, and finally to a combined sewer.

YWS seeks to promote this hierarchy in collaboration with Local Planning Authorities and developers to improve water quality and reduce flood risk. As such, in practical terms when New Developments are proposed within catchments, our responses to planning applications will generally be as follows;

1. Where a development will discharge more surface water to the combined sewerage system we may object to the application on the grounds of the non-sustainable impact on the environment and our customers. We will separately review the impact of any foul discharges.
2. Where a development will discharge less surface water to the combined sewerage system than current volumes from that site we are unlikely to object to the application. We will separately review the impact of any foul discharges.
3. Where a development will not discharge surface water to the combined sewerage system we will review the impact of the foul discharges but are unlikely to object to the application.
4. Where a development will connect surface water into an existing surface water sewer, subject to EA agreement and flood risk assessments being

accepted, we are unlikely to object to the application. We will separately review the impact of any foul discharges.

Where we object to a development but it is ultimately approved, we will build the impact of the development into our plan.

4. Event Duration Monitoring data

We can confirm that event duration monitoring is available via our website at: <https://www.yorkshirewater.com/environment/storm-overflows/event-duration-monitoring/>:

- Our annual storm overflow reports are available via our website from the year 2021 to 2024, the 2025 data will not be available until this is completed in March 2026.
- We also have our individual start / stop times available:
 - o Our 2020 to 2023 data is available in the public domain via our EIR disclosure log from a previous request <https://www.yorkshirewater.com/environment/environmentalinformation-regulations/eir-disclosure-log/>
 - o Our 2024 data is available in the public domain via our webpage titled [Individual stop start events 2024](#)
 - o Our 2025 data is being published in the public domain one month in arrears via our webpage titled [Individual stop start events 2025 year to date](#)

You can apply the following filters to identify the information you require:

Pickering WWTW 3x

Pickering WWTW 6x

Hungate No2 CSO

Cuddy Brown Close CSO

Outgang Road CSO

Eastgate CSO

5. Ecological status of the waterbody

Yorkshire Water contributed to a consultation around Upper Costa Beck in August 2024 that determined *"Pickering Waste Water Treatment Works (WWTW) should no longer be considered as a source of sediment or dissolved oxygen problems impacting on fish in Upper Costa Beck"* for the reasons outlined in the document below: [Upper Costa Beck programme of measures: summary of consultation responses – GOV.UK](#)

In addition to the above, Information as to the ecological status of the waterbody can in-part be found here: <https://environment.data.gov.uk/catchment-planning/WaterBody/GB104027068480>, this is where the EA define the Ecological status (or potential) of a waterbody as per the requirements of the Water Framework Directive (WFD).

Please find attached report titled Costa Beck Report. In relation to this, 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. Under Regulation 12(3), this refusal is based on the grounds that the requested information constitutes personal data relating to an individual other than the applicant. Protecting the privacy and personal data of individuals is a fundamental principle, and as such, the provision of this information would contravene the data protection principles set out in Regulation 13. Regulation 13 stipulates that personal data shall not be disclosed if the release of such information would contravene any of the data protection principles in the UK GDPR or the Data Protection Act 2018. While we strive to provide as much information as possible in response to environmental information requests, we must also balance this with our obligation to protect personal data. Therefore, the specific details that include personal data of a person other than the applicant cannot be released. In considering your request, we are satisfied that one of the authors names amount to personal data as recorded above and as such have been removed from our response.

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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