From: EIR Compliance

To:

Subject: 20250729- EIR - Internal review response

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Internal review response EIR (Follow on from EIR)

Dear

We refer to your email dated 4 June 2025 in relation to our response to EIR.

We have logged your internal review reference as EIR.

Original request:

On the 7 May 2025 you requested information for:

"would like to make a request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 for the following information regarding the village of Spital, East Yorkshire: To help with the location of the village please use this postcode YO41 5QR. Date range 2006 to 2025:

- Have you any records of any floods in the village of Spital, East Yorkshire? If so, please provide the dates of these occurrences.
- Have you any records of flood risks in the village of Spital, East Yorkshire? If so, please provide the dates of when these risks were assessed and any relevant reports or assessments."

We wrote to you on the 13 May to request further clarification for your request and you clarified:

- Geographical scope Please provide information or any land or homes flooded within YO41 5QR aera.
- Flood records Yes please provide information of floods caused by all type of sources, a flood is a flood no matter what the source of water
- Please supply information regarding internal and external flooding of any properties within the aera
- Flood Reports have you carried out any flood risk reports for the aera in question, have you recorded that the area is a flood risk or not a flood risk
- One further question if I may ask, did the flood affect the property World View, Spittle YO15 5QR"

We logged this as EIR.

Our response to EIR:

We responded to EIR on the 4 June to advise that the information you had requested had been 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.

Our response to your internal review EIR:

You contacted us on the 4 June to request an internal review of our response to EIR.

"I am writing to re-request the information initially requested.

This request is made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and the Environmental Information Regulations 2004.

The information requested is as follows, covering the date range 2006 to 2025:

- Have you any records of any floods in the village of Spital, East Yorkshire? If so, please provide the dates of these occurrences.
- Have you any records of flood risks in the village of Spital, East Yorkshire? If so, please provide the dates of when these risks were assessed and any relevant reports or assessments.

Geographical Scope: Please confirm if you hold records of any floods within the postcode area provided (YO15 5QR) or within the area clearly marked in the Google Maps image previously supplied.

Flood Records: Please provide information regarding floods caused by all types of sources. For the purpose of this request, a flood is defined as any inundation event, regardless of the water source.

Flood Reports: Have you carried out any flood risk reports for the area in question (YO15 5QR)? Have you recorded whether the area is at risk of flooding or not?

I have sought advice from the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) and their guidance suggests that the above information can be provided without breaching data protection regulations. Furthermore, I can confirm that four other agencies and government departments have fully complied with similar requests.

I want to reiterate that the information requested above does not breach any data protection or constitute personal data relating to an individual other than the applicant."

<u>Internal review response EIR:</u>

In conducting your internal review, we can confirm that we hold data from 2008 only, therefore for the years 2006 and 2007 no information is held. As such for the purpose of EIR we applied exemption 12(4)(a), a public authority may refuse to disclose information to the extent that it does not hold that information when an applicant's request is received.

We are writing to inform you that our application of 12(3) has been partial upheld. 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.

We regard information that associates an individual with a property as personal data. This classification is because our system connects an identifiable person to a specific property at a given time, thereby making it possible to identify that individual based on this data.

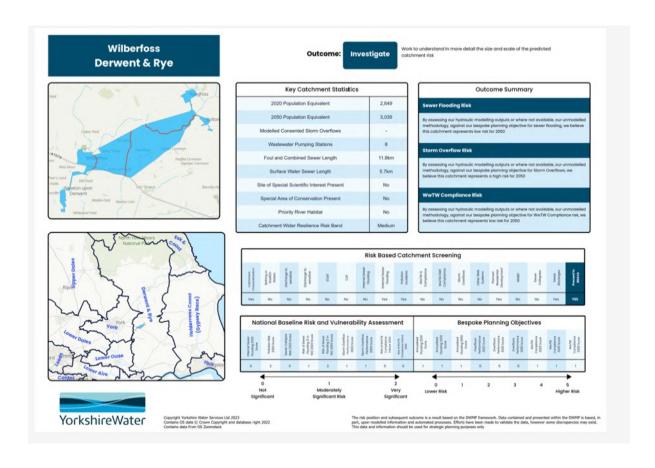
In addition to this any publicly available information already available in combination with our information may also make the individual identifiable. Such information is deemed personal data as it pertains to an identifiable individual and their relationship with a property, providing a clear link between the person and a property.

The area you have identified has a limited number of properties which increases the risk in the individual being identifiable. Therefore, specific details that include personal data of a person other than the applicant cannot be released. As such, we will not be providing in our response any information about any properties.

We have been able to confirm that there were 2 flooding incidents on our network in the area, the details of these are below:

Inc Date	Cause
08/01/2023	BLOCKAGE
07/02/2023	BLOCKAGE

We have re-engaged with the wider business in regards to the flood risk for the village of Spittal, below is an extract of the information from our Drinking Water Management Programme (DWMP) for the Level 3 which cover Spittal and is available in the public domain:



In regards to your request for information relating to flood risk reports and assessment, in consulting with the business we have no further information other than the information provided above. As such for the purpose of EIR we applied

exemption 12(4)(a), a public authority may refuse to disclose information to the extent that it does not hold that information when an applicant's request is received.

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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