

From: EIR Compliance

To:

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Dear

I refer to your request for information submitted to Yorkshire Water dated 13 January 2026 which is set out below.

"I regularly walk around redmires reservoirs & have noticed that redmires upper & middle are not being allowed to fill completely

Why is this?

I note the spillway around where the old waterworks were sited have washed out (& have been this way for a few years) why has this not been repaired?

In view of the recent water restrictions it seems like madness that the reservoirs aren't being allowed to fill completely (I know this because you are allowed the Lowe reservoir to overflow)

I find it grotesque that we have to have restrictions because of Yorkshire waters lack of investment in infrastructure & outgoing maintenance."

Please find the answer to your queries below regarding the data requested.

Redmires Middle and Upper reservoirs are being maintained at a reduced level to prevent the overflows from operating. The over flow of water from these two reservoirs join the overflow channel adjacent to the old waterworks which was severely damaged during storm Babet.

The water levels are being managed by diverting water away from the Upper reservoir at Oakin Clough residuum and by decanting water into the Lower reservoir. Diverted flows from Oakin Clough enter Rivelin Upper reservoir and are being treated at Rivelin Water treatment works. The overflow from the Lower reservoir bypasses the damaged section of overflow channel and pass down Wyming Brook into Rivelin Lower reservoir – this is the standard operating practice and the water from Rivelin Lower is again treated at Rivelin water treatment works. No water is being wasted due to the reservoirs being held at a reduced level.

The damage to the overflow channel is extensive and has been monitored continually since it occurred, and whilst a design for replacement has been formulated. This design is now complete and works will be starting in spring 2026 to repair the channel/infrastructure with an estimated cost of £4.5million – this is likely to take throughout 2026 and once complete will allow the normal operation of all three Redmires reservoirs to resume

I 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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