

From: EIR Compliance

To:

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Dear

I refer to your request for information submitted to Yorkshire Water dated 1 February 2026 for the following:

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- 1. Please can you confirm how many fresh water treatment plants you have?*
- 2. Please can you confirm your procedures in looking at asset condition assessment? Can you supply a current list showing your water treatment asset condition assessment, in terms of maintenance needs, current state and remaining useful life expectancy?*
- 3. How much has been spent in the last five years on maintenance and updates on your fresh water treatment plants?*
- 4. How many of your water treatment plants have in the last 2 year had maintenance and repair issues? If you could supply a list that would be greatly appreciated. How many of these issues are still outstanding?*
- 5. Please can you confirm how many fresh water treatment plants have been closed down in the last five years?*
- 6. Can you confirm how many of your essential water mains/distribution mains pipes have had leaks or have maintenance issues that have been noted in the last two years? Please can you supply a list and confirm what action has been taken for each?*

Please find attached the data which you have requested:

Question 1

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Question 2

Please see below the risk assessment on our assets below.

We have many ways to assess asset condition across our water treatment works (WTW), from visual inspections, to monitoring data from instrumentation.

Asset Risk Rank	Asset Name	Asset Risk Band
1	ELVINGTON/WTW	C - Medium
2	CHELLOW HEIGHTS/WTW	C - Medium
3	LONGWOOD/NO 2 WTW	C - Medium
4	BLACKMOORFOOT/WTW	C - Medium
5	INGBIRCHWORTH/2 WTW	C - Medium
6	THORNTON STWD/WTW	C - Medium
7	ECCUP/NO 2 WTW	C - Medium
8	CATTERICK/NO 2 WTW	C - Medium
9	CAYTON CARR LANE/WTW	C - Medium
10	SLADEN VALLEY/2 WTW	D - Low
11	KELD HEAD/WTW	D - Low
12	FIXBY/NO 2 WTW	D - Low
13	EAST NESS/WTW	D - Low
14	RUSWARP/NO 2 WTW	D - Low
15	ALBERT/WTW	D - Low
16	HARLOW HILL/WTW	D - Low
17	ECCUP/NO 1 WTW	D - Low
18	AINDERBY/WTW	D - Low
19	HIGHFIELD LANE/WTW	D - Low
20	OLDFIELD/WTW	D - Low
21	COWICK/WTW	D - Low
22	AUSTERFIELD/WTW	D - Low
23	LOXLEY/WTW	D - Low
24	DALTON/WTW	D - Low
25	HUBY/WTW	D - Low
26	HECK/WTW	D - Low
27	HIGH SHAW/WTW	D - Low
28	MALTON NORTON/WTW	D - Low
29	HEADINGLEY/NO 2 WTW	D - Low
30	LOFTSOME BRIDGE/WTW	D - Low
31	ACOMB LANDING/NO 2 WTW	D - Low
32	TOPHILL LOW/NO 2 WTW	D - Low
33	EWDEN/WTW	D - Low
34	ETTON WOLD/WTW	D - Low
35	KIRKHAMGATE/WTW	D - Low
36	HUTTON CRANSWICK/WTW	D - Low
37	HOLMBRIDGE/WTW	D - Low
38	IRTON/WTW	D - Low
39	EMBSAY/WTW	D - Low
40	MILL LANE/NO 2 WTW	D - Low
41	GRAINCLIFFE/NO 2 WTW	D - Low
42	NUTWELL/WTW	D - Low
43	NORTH NEWBALD/WTW	D - Low
44	AYSGARTH/WTW	D - Low
45	KELDGATE/NO 3 WTW	D - Low
46	HAISTHORPE/NO 2 WTW	E - Very Low
47	RIVELIN/NO 2 WTW	E - Very Low
48	LANGSETT/NO 2 WTW	E - Very Low
49	RICHMOND/WTW	E - Very Low

Question 3

Maintenance totals £91.5m and 'updates' we have taken to mean upgrades which is £75.5m.

Question 4

After careful consideration, we are writing to inform you that your request for environmental information has been refused in accordance with the Environmental Information Regulations (EIR) 2004. In accordance with section 12(5) paragraph (a) of the EIR, a public authority may refuse to disclose information to the extent that its disclosure would adversely affect international relations, defence, national security or public safety. In applying this exemption, we must consider the potential harm that could result from releasing the requested information and weigh it against the public interest in disclosure. We have to treat disclosure of information under the Environmental Information Regulations (EIRs) as disclosure to the 'world at large'.

Whilst we appreciate it would be beneficial to obtain this data we have to consider the wider public interest in disclosure, based on this. It is our belief that disclosing information could potentially pose a risk to national security. This is because safeguarding national security includes the protection of potential targets, even if there is no evidence that an attack is imminent. The information you have requested may form part of the Critical National Infrastructure (CNI) of this country and could be perceived as a potential target for such an attack. In addition to this, we also have to consider the guidance issued to us by DEFRA on what we can make available in the public domain in relation to Critical National Infrastructure (CNI). We recognise the importance of transparency and accountability, and we have carefully considered whether the public interest in disclosure outweighs the potential harm. However, we believe that in this case, the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosure. The potential risks associated with releasing the information are too significant to justify its disclosure, as such we will not be disclosing some information to you.

Question 5

Question 6

We do not specifically track information in relation to 'essential water main / distributions pipes'. We do however hold information on the total number of main repairs that have been completed, to provide advice and assistance we have provided this information below:

- In 2023-24 we had 5674 main failures.
- In 2024-25 we had 5641 main failures.

In terms of the action taken for each, a repair has been carried out to stop the pipe leaking. This is generally completed in one of two ways, a clamp fitted over the main or the leaking section of pipe is 'cut out' with a new section put in its place.

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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