

From: EIR Compliance

To:

Subject: 20260523 – EIR – Data supplied

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Attachments: EIR.pdf

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Dear

We refer to your request for information submitted to Yorkshire Water dated 28 April 2026:

"I am writing to request information under the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 regarding Gouthwaite Reservoir and its associated watercourses (including the River Nidd and Ramsgill Beck).

Please provide the following information:

1. **Confirmation of Governing Legislation:** A list of all Local Acts of Parliament or Statutory Instruments currently in force that provide Yorkshire Water with the legal authority to "take, divert, impound, and use" the waters of the River Nidd and Ramsgill Beck at Gouthwaite. Specifically, please confirm if the **Bradford Corporation Waterworks Act 1890** and the **Bradford Corporation Waterworks Act 1892** remain the primary governing legislation for these works.
2. **Status of Section 33 (1892 Act):** Confirmation as to whether the strict liability and compensation provisions contained in **Section 33 of the Bradford Corporation Waterworks Act 1892** (regarding

damage/injury resulting from the "bursting or giving way" of authorized works) have been repealed or if they remain enforceable against Yorkshire Water as the successor body.

3. **Capacity Maintenance Records:** Documentation or internal reports confirming the current storage capacity of Gouthwaite Reservoir in relation to the **1,510 million gallon** minimum requirement established under **Section 29 of the 1890 Act**.
4. **Siltation Surveys:** Copies of the most recent bathymetric or topographic surveys identifying the volume of silt/sediment accumulation within the reservoir and its effect on the statutory capacity mentioned above."

Included with this email are the response to your questions:

Question 1

Section 10 of the Bradford Corporation Waterworks Act 1890 defines Gouthwaite as a compensation reservoir.

Section 28 refers to the Gouthwaite Board of Management for making and altering rules for the compensation flow.

The Bradford Corporation Waterworks Act 1892 refers back to the 1890 Act, although does not add anything in terms of setting a minimum compensation flow or override/supplement the 1890 provisions.

Question 2

We have reviewed your request under the Environmental Information Regulations 2004. Following the definition of environmental information

given within the regulations, your request for information does not fall within the scope of this legislation. We will consequently not be providing you with the information you have requested.

Question 3 & Question 4

Please find attached report.

We are writing to inform you that this question of 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, we have redacted the name of individuals referenced within the report.

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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