

From: EIR Compliance

To:

Subject: EIR

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Dear

We refer to your request for information submitted to Yorkshire Water dated 5 January 2026 which is set out below.

"I would like to see any information you hold regarding Top Withens, in particular:

1. *Reports on the structural condition of the building.*
2. *Information regarding the restoration of the building including internal discussion notes.*
3. *Information regarding the de-listing of Top Withens including internal discussion notes.*
4. *Correspondence between Yorkshire Water and the Brontë Society/Brontë Parsonage Museum regarding Top Withens.*
5. *Correspondence between Yorkshire Water and City of Bradford Metropolitan District Council regarding Top Withens.*
6. *Correspondence between Yorkshire Water and English Heritage*
7. *Press releases from Yorkshire Water regarding Top Withens."*

We have adopted your questions to provide the response below.

Reports on the structural condition of the building

The data protection team have conversed with the business and have established we do not hold any of the requested data. As such for the purposes of paragraph 12(4) a public authority may refuse to disclose information to the extent that (a) it does not hold that information when an applicant's request is received.

Information regarding the restoration of the building including internal discussion notes

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Our records only go back to 2009. As such for the purposes of paragraph 12(4) a public authority may refuse to disclose information to the extent that (a) it does not hold that information when an applicant's request is received.

Information regarding the de-listing of Top Withens including internal discussion notes

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Press releases from Yorkshire Water regarding Top Withens

Press releases regarding Top Withens in the last five years are contained in the below link. All Yorkshire Water press releases are publicly available on our website.

<https://www.yorkshirewater.com/news-media/news-articles/2025/yorkshire-water-proud-to-support-bradford-2025-s-wild-uplands/>

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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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