

From: EIR Compliance

To:

Subject: 20250814 - EIR - Response

Date: 14 August 2025 09:13:00

Reference Number: **EIR**

Dear

We refer to your request for information submitted to Yorkshire Water dated 18 July 2025:

"We have recently seen a plan that shows the Reservoir that provides High Bentham water is Embsay Reservoir, however the plan also shows Service Reservoirs at Cold Coates (notation) Cold Cotes /SRE, Clapham Treated Water Pump and Clapham SRE.

The Key designates CRE/SRE as Service Reservoir, can you confirm whether these are an above ground or a below ground (SRE) Service Reservoir and their locations (using what three words or OS Map references)."

Please find included our response to your request.

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.

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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