

From: EIR Compliance

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Subject: 20260202 - EIR

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Attachments: Plan and manage roadworks - Application details.pdf

EIR - Permit.pdf

EIR - Low Mill Lane Works - Addingham_Dec2025.pdf

EIR - Low Mill Lane Works - Addingham_Nov2025.pdf

TTRO - Road Closure Application 2025 Low Mill Lane Nov.pdf

Reference Number: EIR

Dear

We refer to your request for information submitted to Yorkshire Water dated 8 December 2025 which is set out below.

"All paperwork involved in the decision making process for this Capital scheme YW.204750

Any paperwork on the consultations made for the scheme

Any risk assessments carried out for the work- actual paper copies

Copy of the Temporary Traffic Regulation Order (TTRO)- copy of the permit

Any paperwork advising what communication was made with residents prior to the request for permit being submitted

Who's decision was it to shut the road for two weeks (permit is for 3 weeks but team confident work can be done in 2)"

Please find attached some of the data which you have requested.

We are writing to inform you that in response to your questions below, some information has been 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, the specific details that include personal data of a person other than the applicant cannot be released. As such, we will not be providing a response regarding your request, where appropriate we have redacted this from the documentation.

1. **All paperwork involved in the decision making process for this Capital scheme YW.204750**
2. **Any paperwork on the consultations made for the scheme**
3. **Any risk assessments carried out for the work- actual paper copies**

Please find below our response for question 1 to 3.

After careful consideration, we are unable to disclose the information you have requested. The information is being withheld under Regulation 12(5)(e) of the Environmental Information Regulations 2004, which allows public authorities to refuse disclosure where releasing the information would adversely affect the confidentiality of commercial or industrial information, where such confidentiality is protected by law to safeguard a

legitimate economic interest. Whilst we understand that it would be beneficial to obtain this data, we have also considered whether it would be in the wider public interest to disclose the information. When weighed against the presumption in favour of disclosure, for the purposes of transparency and accountability, there may be some public interest in providing the data. We also have to take into consideration arguments for preventing disclosure. In this case, disclosure would reveal commercially sensitive details that could prejudice the commercial interests of Yorkshire Water. The information is provided to us on a confidential basis, and releasing it would undermine the legitimate economic interests associated with that information. Based on the above we have determined that it is not in the public interest to disclose the data

In addition, 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. Whilst we understand that it would be beneficial to obtain this information, we also have to considered whether it would be in the wider public interest to disclose the information, when weighed against the potential risk to national security. 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 form part of the Critical National Infrastructure (CNI) of this country and could be perceived as a potential target for such an attack. Having considered your request in line with the above, it is our belief that releasing this data could potentially pose a risk to national security.

4. Copy of the Temporary Traffic Regulation Order (TTRO)- copy of the permit

Please see attached a copy of the TTRO and permit. File names 'EIR Permit' and 'plan and manage roadworks – application details'.

5. Any paperwork advising what communication was made with residents prior to the request for permit being submitted

Please find attached the two letters issued to residents. A letter was sent at the beginning of November 2025 and at this time we did not have full details of the closure arrangements (details were still being worked out by the site team). Please be advised, the letters appended to respond to your request will show as the date on which you open them. File names 'EIR – Low Mill Lane Works – Addingham_Dec2025' and 'EIR – Low Mill Lane Works – Addingham_Nov2025'.

We further hand delivered an updated letter before Christmas to all affected properties.

In addition to this, we also ran social media ads on Facebook and made the local press aware. Please see [Addingham road closed for two weeks - Your Ilkley](#)

6. Who's decision was it to shut the road for two weeks (permit is for 3 weeks but team confident work can be done in 2)

When planning construction works it is usual to calculate the expected time to complete the activity plus a contingency allowance in case of unexpected events. In this circumstance unexpected ground conditions including uncharted services would be a reasonable assumption as would be poor weather conditions. The estimated activity time plus contingency was 2 weeks. The team applied for a 2 week permit however, they were given 3 weeks by Bradford Highways.

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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