



Water for the North West

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Dear [REDACTED]

EIR Reference: EIR/ID/361

Thank you for your request environmental information. We appreciate your interest, and we want to let you know that your request has been carefully considered in accordance with the Environmental Information Regulations (EIR).

*Specifically, I would appreciate your assistance in providing the following details for the most recent full calendar year (or, if available, for the past three years):*

**1. Annual Quantities:**

- *The total quantity (in tonnes) of waste gravels generated from reedbed refurbishment or maintenance activities.*

**1. Waste Classification:**

- *The European Waste Catalogue (EWC) code(s) under which this material is transported and managed.*

**1. Waste Destinations:**

- *The proportion of this material that is sent to landfill versus other forms of treatment, recovery, or recycling.*

*This information will support a research initiative we are currently undertaking, focused on advancing the sustainability of reedbed refurbishment practices. Our project aims to scientifically validate the environmental, operational, and commercial benefits of recycling and reusing washed gravel from reedbeds, rather than defaulting to disposal and replacement with virgin quarried material.*

*We believe this work has the potential to deliver direct benefits to water authorities such as yourselves, helping to reduce operational costs, minimise environmental impact, and support progress towards net-zero and circular economy goals.*

*As part of this initiative, we would also like to invite your organisation to engage with our research as an interested stakeholder. Your insights and experiences would be invaluable, and we would be pleased to share the findings of our study with you upon completion.*

**Following consultation with colleagues, I can confirm that we are not aware of any reed bed refurbishment or maintenance activities carried out in the last 12 months. As a result, we do not hold any recorded information relating to the quantity of waste gravels generated from such activities during this period.**

We hope that this response answers your request. However, if you're not satisfied with how we've handled it, you can request an internal review. To do this, please write to us at Environmental

Information Office, Haweswater House, Lingley Mere, Warrington, WA5 3LP or email us at [EIRRequests@uuplc.co.uk](mailto:EIRRequests@uuplc.co.uk), addressing your request to [REDACTED], and explaining why you're unhappy with our response. We'll be very happy to review your request and ensure we've done everything we can to assist you.

Any request for an internal review should be made within 40 working days of receipt of this response, and we will reply within 40 working days from receipt of the request for internal review.

Kind regards