

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for reaching out with your request for 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).

Your request:

1. Any documentation, internal reports, assessments, or correspondence relating to the current condition, environmental management, or maintenance of the site known as Grey Mist Mere, Woolston, Warrington (Land Registry Title CH502081).
2. Confirmation of whether Warrington Anglers Association or any other third party currently holds a lease, licence, or agreement relating to the management or use of Grey Mist Mere.
3. Information on whether United Utilities has considered or is currently considering the disposal or sale of Grey Mist Mere, or any part of the surrounding land.
4. A copy of United Utilities' policy, procedure, or criteria relating to the disposal of land assets, including how interested individuals or organisations may formally express interest in purchasing land owned by United Utilities.

Our response:

United Utilities does not own Grey Mist Mere, therefore we are unable to questions 1 - 3 within your request. Having checked the Land Registry, it appears that the mere's land parcel is unregistered; therefore, I would recommend you contact the local council for further information and support in identifying the land owner.

United Utilities does own a wastewater pumping station to the west of Grey Mist Mere at the end of New Cut Lane, and we do have an easement for the outfall from the emergency overflow from this pumping station to Grey Mist Mere, which ensures that we can obtain access to the outfall if required, however we do not own the mere itself.

With regard to our approach to the management and disposal of land, it is worth emphasising that UUW is a regulated water company and that water companies are required to operate in line with both relevant legislation and what is known as an "Instrument of Appointment" or licence.

We continually review all of the land that we own, to ensure that it is being used as efficiently as possible. When surplus land is identified, we are obliged under Condition K of our Instrument of Appointment to secure the best price for the disposal of this land and to ensure that the disposal has been undertaken in a way which meets the requirements for regulatory approval according to value limits.

Our default position is that all land is offered to the market via an independent agent to ensure that we can demonstrate best value. The only exceptions to this would be when land is transferred between group companies, which requires an independent valuation in accordance with regulatory requirements, or when land is sold to a special purchaser e.g. if a parcel of land is entirely surrounded by land in another person's ownership.

We hope that this response answers your request. However, if you're not satisfied with our response, 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, 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.

Many thanks

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We'd love to hear your feedback on how we handled your request! If you have a moment, please complete our short survey [here](#) – your input helps us improve our service.