

Ein cyf/Our ref: ATI-08761a

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Dyddiad/Date: 01/12/15

Dear Mr Watson,

I am writing in respect of your recent request for information (ATI-08761a) under the provisions of the Environmental Information Regulation.

Please see your questions and our response in turn below:-

*1: How many abstraction licenses currently are granted within the Snowdonia National Park?*

There are 153 Abstraction Licences (Hep & Non-Hep) within the Snowdonia National Park. Not all of these licences are abstracting at the moment. Some have not been constructed and others are licences of right which are not currently used.

*2. How many of those have breached the terms of their abstraction license and how have they done this?*

10 licenses were found to be non-compliant with either the abstraction or impoundment licence or both (if applicable).

Identified non-compliances with abstraction licences:

- \* No blanking plate to secure seasonal variations in abstraction
- \* Over abstraction (maximum daily or maximum annual quantity)
- \* Blocked Hands off Flow / residual flow notches/orifice pipes
- \* Not submitting their abstraction returns / not submitting returns correctly
- \* HEP weir not built to specification

We are currently processing returns for quantities of water abstracted for the year April 2014 to March 2015. We expect to have finished processing these shortly. Returns for April 2015 to March 2016 will not be submitted until next year.

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*3. What are the identities of the companies that have breached their licenses?*

Green Earth Hydro Ltd  
Conwy Adventure Leisure Ltd  
DHG Hydro Ltd  
L Evans, J M Evans and R F Jones  
H B Davenport

*4. The specific action taken in each instance.*

Advice and Guidance x 1

Warning letters x 2

Fixed Monetary Penalty x 1

Formal Caution (signed) x 2

*5. Which (if any) companies are still yet to comply with their licenses having breached previously?*

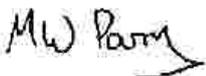
4 – Of which 2 are currently going through process of variation / recommended to vary, and 2 awaiting further information about returns.

*6. What actions are being taken to ensure future compliance for the companies from question 5?*

Enforcement action is currently being considered for all non-compliances. Also we will be working with these licence holders until we are satisfied that they are in compliance. Previous offences are taken into account each year when deciding upon our inspection programme and sites will be revisited at more regular intervals where it is considered necessary.

We now consider that we have complied with your request. However, if you are dissatisfied with our response you are entitled to pursue this matter through our appeals procedure, a copy of which is below.

Yours sincerely,



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**Rights of appeal**

If you are not satisfied with our response to your request, you can contact us to ask for our decision to be reviewed, please write to:

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