

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for 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

Please provide:

1. Copies of all connection requests made regarding data centre projects in the calendar years 2024, 2025 and 2026.
2. A summary document of all connection requests made regarding data centre projects in the calendar years 2024, 2025 and 2026. This should be in the form of a spreadsheet giving the data of the request, the name of the requester and the amount of water the requester intended to use.

Our response

United Utilities received no full applications for a new water main or service connection from data-centre developers during the period January 2024 to the present, and as such I'm unable to provide you with this information in line with Regulation 12(4)(a) of the EIR.

We did, however, receive four water pre-development enquiries from data-centre developers. These are submissions made through our pre-development enquiry process and relate to potential future water supply connections.

None of these enquiries have progressed to a full connection application. Any water requirements provided through the enquiries remain indicative and may change as the proposed developments progress. Whilst I am unable to share copies of the pre-development enquiries as they contain commercially sensitive (Regulation 12(5)(e)) and personal information (Regulation 13), I have summarised these below:

- September 2024 – Predevelopment enquiry received regarding plans for a data centre which would require 864 m³/day*.
- September 2024 – Predevelopment enquiry received regarding plans for a data centre which would require 1,036 m³/day*.
- November 2024 – Predevelopment enquiry received regarding plans for four data centres which would require a total of 3,685m³/day*.
- February 2025 - Predevelopment enquiry received regarding plans for a data centre which would require 25m³/day*.

**note that these figures are subject to change, these are just estimates as no formal application has been submitted.*

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, 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.