

News story: Changes to licensing public register bring greater transparency

From the end of February 2017 the Marine Management Organisation will routinely publish information and documents it receives from advisors, organisations and the wider public in response to marine licence consultations.

The MMO is writing to the affected organisations which provide advice and comment on marine licence applications to explain the development in greater detail and public notices will be amended to make clear to those wishing to make a representation that their comments will be published.

Why additional information is being published

The MMO is not legally required to proactively publish the additional information but is doing so as part of its commitment to openness and transparent decision-making. It already uses [the selected cases section](#) of its website to release information where cases are of significant public interest, or when details have been requested under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) and/or the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 (EIRs).

This new approach is also in line with the actions of local planning authorities in relation to land-based developments.

The public register of marine licence applications

Where people or organisations want to carry out development in the marine area they may need prior permission from the Marine Management Organisation under the Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009. Such activities [may include construction, dredging, deposits or removal](#). This consent is referred to [as a marine licence](#).

The [online public register](#) holds details of marine licence applications and relevant documents. It also lists marine licence applications which are open for public consultation.

Notice: ME6 5AX, Smurfit Kappa UK Ltd:

environmental permit issued

The Environment Agency publish permits that they issue under the Industrial Emissions Directive (IED).

This decision includes the permit and decision document for:

- Operator name: Smurfit Kappa UK Ltd
 - Installation name: Snodland Paper Mill
 - Permit number: EPR/BJ7433IQ/V005
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Notice: B9 5BP, Tradebe Healthcare Limited: environmental permit issued

The Environment Agency publish surrenders that they issue under the Industrial Emissions Directive (IED).

This decision includes the surrender letter and decision document for:

- Operator name: Tradebe Healthcare Limited
 - Installation name: Yardley Green Clinical Waste Treatment Facility
 - Permit number: EPR/XP3834XX/S005
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Notice: L38 1QA, White Moss Horticulture Limited: environmental permit issued

The Environment Agency publish permits that they issue under the Industrial Emissions Directive (IED).

This decision includes the permit and decision document for:

- Operator name: White Moss Horticulture Limited
- Installation name: North End Farm
- Permit number: EPR/BB3004XT/V003

Official Statistics: Weekly rainfall and river flow summary: 25 to 31 January 2017

Updated: A corrected version of the weekly rainfall and river flow summary, 25 to 31 January 2017.

A review of the rainfall and river flow data for England covering the 7 day period (Wednesday to Tuesday).