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**Cc:** Neil Burke; Dickson, John  
**Subject:** Re: Bradwell B - Load Test - Environmental Permit Applications

Hi Sarah,

Grand!

Please take this email as confirmation that we wish to extend the expiry date on the licence to 31 March 2025.

Hi [@Evans, Alex](#), are you happy to take this approach for the water discharge activity permit as well?

Kind regards,

Ross

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**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] RE: Bradwell B - Load Test - Environmental Permit Applications

Hi Ross

An e-mail to me stating the expiry date you would like on the licence would be fine. I can then save the e-mail as a record of the amendment to the application.

Kind regards

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Hi Sarah,

Thanks for the message, much appreciated.

That's good to hear. I think an extension of a year would be pragmatic, these are, after all, uncertain times. What is the process for amending the application? Can you take an email as written confirmation or do we need to update the forms and return to you?

Kind regards,

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Hi Ross

Following your e-mail of the 27<sup>th</sup> March I just wanted to give you an update with regards to the water transfer licence application (in the event that it is not possible to arrange a telephone call with everyone together).

I think it would be wise to continue the process and determine the water transfer licence application so you have a licence ready.

I currently do not envisage that we would need any further information from you in order to determine the application.

The application forms indicated that the water transfer would be required for three years commencing May 2020, I am happy for you to amend the application.

Just need you to have a think about how you would like the application amended.

My initial thoughts would be to apply for a licence until a specific date. For example, potentially if the worst case scenario is the coronavirus issue does not resolve itself for 12 months and then everything needs to get back to normal, this would mean that the water transfer may not commence until late 2021. Therefore on this basis a time limit of 31 March 2025 (might be reasonable). For info - We tend to time limit licences to 31 March, rather than have licences expire at odd dates throughout the year.

Currently there does not appear to be an reason why we would need to limit the transfer to a three year period, however we could add conditions to the licence stating the transfer can only take place for three years from the date the water transfer commences should this be considered necessary following consultation and advertisement.

If we were to issue a licence and for some unforeseen reason the abstraction was required for a longer period application can be then be made to renew the licence.

I hope this helps,

Kind regards

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Hi Neil, Sarah, Alex,

I hope all is well with you and yours.

As a result of the ongoing Covid-19 outbreak, Brawdell B has taken the decision to postpone planned 'Phase 1' GI works. The primary purpose of these Phase 1 works, as you may well recall, was to inform the design of the Load Test, for which we have submitted applications for water transfer licence and water discharge activity permit. A secondary outcome of these planned Phase 1 works was the collection of groundwater level and quality data of potential relevance to the ongoing determination of these permits.

It is not yet clear until when these works will be postponed, but, in relation to our applications, we see the following as the potential effects of this postponement:

- We are unable to collect groundwater data in a time-frame that allows for it to be fed into the determination process, should this be required. We see that there are two potential outcomes:
  - Determination is delayed, should the assumptions in our applications require validation at this stage

- Determination is not delayed and conditions relating to water quality limits are placed on the permits
- The delay to Phase 1 GI delays the design and set-up of the load test, pushing out the duration of the test schedule beyond the permit duration that we are currently applying for (3 years), requiring an extension of the permit durations.

I would very much appreciate an opportunity to discuss the above with you, perhaps next week.

**Neil**, you will have a missed call from me on your mobile. Happy to have an initial chat about this with you, if you'd like.

Regards,

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