

Our ref: EIR-929

Date: 12/08/2026

Email: EIRRequests@uuplc.co.uk

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). As your request contained a number of specific questions, this response splits the request into two sections (in bold) and then follows with our response.

Your request:

To help us fight several planning applications within our local area, our group require the following information.

- **How many private residences within Chorley and its boroughs have water supplied to them?**
- **How many commercial properties within Chorley and its boroughs have water supplied to them?**

Our response:

Our records reflect that there are 45,379 private residences and 2,255 commercial properties receiving a water service in Chorley and its boroughs.

Please note, the figures provided are based on using a search criteria of PR6 and PR7 postcodes where the address/town elements include Chorley.

Your request:

- **How many more private residences within Chorley and its boroughs could this water supply extend to?**
- **How many more commercial properties within Chorley and its boroughs could this water supply extend to?**

Our response:

There is no fixed measure of spare capacity expressed as a number of additional properties, therefore in line with Regulation 12(4)(a) of the EIR, we are unable to supply you with the requested information.

Instead, future supply capability depends on a range of factors including the location and magnitude of growth across the North West, the performance of the wider water supply system, future water demand and any infrastructure investment required. As a result, capacity is not assessed as a static

value, but through the supply-demand balance and network growth assessments which identify the interventions needed to support forecast development.

The amount of water available in the future is subject to a range of uncertainties. Regardless of these uncertainties, we will need to increase available supplies to meet projected demand. In addition, because our interconnected supply system covers most of the North West, we have the flexibility to develop new water resources across a wide geographic area and transfer water through the network to where it is needed. You can find further information in our Water Resources Management Plan, which can be found in the following link: [Our current Water Resources Management Plan](#)

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.