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Dear Resident

As you by now will be aware, Welsh Water is the new owner of Llanishen and Lisvane reservoirs after securing their long term lease from CELSA UK.

The acquisition of the reservoirs is important to Welsh Water as they will play an important role in helping us to strengthen our water resources for the capital for the future. Furthermore, our acquisition represents an opportunity to secure the long term future of the site.

When we announced our acquisition of the reservoirs, we stated our commitment to open the site up for public access as soon as we could and to explore what recreational opportunities the site could offer. As a company with a long history of managing reservoir sites, we offer a wealth of experience in this area and look forward to engaging with the local community on unlocking the site's potential.

At the time of the announcement, we stressed that there was a lot of work that needed to be done at the site to fully understand its condition before we could make any firm commitment on future plans. Since our acquisition of the reservoirs, we have been busy working on finalising the plans for the assessment work that needs to be carried out and we are now just about ready to begin.

Over the course of the next few months, you likely will notice an increased presence from Welsh Water personnel, and contractors working on our behalf, on the site. Some of the work they will be undertaking will include:

- Ecological surveys to fully understand the valuable flora and fauna that exists on the site
- Ground and dam condition surveys, in particular to understand the condition of Llanishen Reservoir which has been drained for a number of years. Understanding its condition will be essential to help determine what remedial work is required to enable any future refill.
- Health & Safety improvements to manage any hazards on site which could pose a risk to public health
- Ground maintenance, such as grass cutting and vegetation removal around the banks of the reservoirs.

Please be assured we are in close liaison with Natural Resources Wales to ensure that all work is carried out with due regard to the sensitive SSSI status of the site.

In order to facilitate the work, we will be setting up a work compound area in the car park located at the southern edge of Llanishen Reservoir. This is the car park that is accessed from Rhyd y Pennau Road. We have liaised closely with Cardiff City Council regarding the compound and secured the necessary permission for it to be set up. We anticipate that we will begin setting up the compound area from the beginning of July and I enclose a map which shows outlined in red the location of the compound area. At present, we think the compound will be in place for around 12 months.

We appreciate that walkers use the car park area and we will ensure safe, alternative routes are provided while the compound is in place. Vegetation clearance work on the southern side will take place through the summer and temporary diversions for pedestrians will be in place.

At Welsh Water, protecting public safety is of paramount importance and we are committed to ensuring that visitors to the reservoir site aren't exposed to any hazards that potentially exist on the site and that the site is secure. For this reason, we will need to erect a perimeter fence around the site. We appreciate that some people may feel that this is an excessive move, however, once completed, it will allow us to remove the fence that was erected at the top of the bank of Llanishen reservoir and enable managed access to the site to the public in the future.

We will write with further information about the fence once a timescale for its erection has been confirmed.

We have received queries regarding access to the site over the summer, however regretfully we are unable to accommodate this whilst our works are underway but please be assured that we will open the site to visitors as soon as we can.

We look forward to keeping you and the local community informed about our future plans and will provide timely updates on our work as it progresses. Should you have any queries in the meantime then please get in touch using the contact details on this letter and ask to speak with Gwyn Thomas, Head of Regional Communications.

Yours sincerely



Peter Perry  
Chief Operating Officer

Compound Near  
Llanishen Reservoir



**LEGEND**

	Sluice Valve		Gravity Sewer
	Air Valve SINGLE		Rising Main
	Tap		Outfall
	Pressure Reducing Valve		Pumping Station
	Meter		Lamphole
	Bulk Meter		Combined Sewer Overflow
	Fire Hydrant		Special Purpose Chamber
	Cap		Treatment Works
	Non Dwr Cymru Main		Private Sewer Transfer Lateral Drain
	Existing Distribution Main		Inspection Chamber
		NB: Sewer symbol colour indicates the sewer type.	
		RED - Combined	
		GREEN - Surface Water	
		BROWN - Foul	

**Notes:**

Compound Edged Red  
Access Coloured Brown

Whilst every reasonable effort has been taken to correctly record the pipe material of DCWW assets, there is a possibility that in some cases pipe material (other than Asbestos Cement or Pitch Fibre) may be found to be asbestos cement (AC) or Pitch Fibre (PF). It is therefore advisable that the possible presence of AC or PF pipes be anticipated and considered as part of any risk assessment prior to excavation.

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Service pipes are not generally shown but their presence should be anticipated.

**EXACT LOCATIONS OF ALL APPARATUS  
TO BE DETERMINED ON SITE.**

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