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From: EIR
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To: [REDACTED]
Subject: [REDACTED]

Dear Requester

Thank you for your request for information about biosolids, which we received on 23 February 2026. Your request has been considered under the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 (EIR).

You requested:

1. Annual revenue and profit associated with biosolids for the past five financial years
2. Internal reports, presentations or summaries in the past five years that outline the commercial value, cost recovery or financial performance of biosolids activities

EIR Response: Partial Provision & Partial Refusal of Requested Information

Item 1 is held by Anglian Water and has been provided below.

Biosolids sales revenue is available in our annual performance reports, which are available on our website [Reports search](#)

For 2025 this is reported as “*income treated as negative expenditure*” in the annual performance report (APR) <https://www.anglianwater.co.uk/siteassets/household/about-us/our-strategies-and-plans/anglian-water-annual-performance-report-2025.pdf> in line 22 of table 8b page 333 in the 2025 report. Whilst no profit figures are reported other operating expenditure for sludge recycled to farm land in lines 27 to 30.

For non-farmland there is no revenue reported in table 8b line 22 and no profit recorded but the other operating expenditure for sludge to other outlets is reported in lines 27 to 30.

Revenue and costs of sludge disposal is reported in table 4k page 190 of the 2025 APR lines 2 to 14.

Item 2 is held by Anglian Water, and is not provided as an exception to disclosure has been applied.

The exceptions applied are:

Regulation 12(4)(e) of the EIR, the request involves the disclosure of internal communications.

And

Regulation 12(5)(d) of the EIR, the request involves confidential commercial or industrial information where such confidentiality is provided by law to protect a legitimate economic interest. Disclosure would adversely affect the confidentiality.

As required, we have also carried out the public interest test and taken into account the presumption in favour of disclosure.

On this occasion, the public interest in transparency and accountability, versus inbuilt public interest in maintaining commercial confidentiality. We consider the public interest in maintaining the exception outweighs the public interest in disclosure.

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Yours sincerely

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