

**ALBION ECO LTD**  
**Draft Drought Plan 2025**  
**Statement of Response to the consultation**

**Issue date:** 30 April 2025

**Produced by:** Angela Cutler

**Authorised by:** David Knaggs

## Contents

1	Draft Drought Plan .....	3
2	Consultation .....	3
3	Statement of Response .....	3
4	Next Steps .....	5
5	Further Information .....	6

***When printing this document please consider which parts you require and only print the necessary pages.***

## 1 Draft Drought Plan

Albion Eco set out and consulted upon how it will maintain water supplies within its area of operations during periods of drought. Its Plan meets relevant published guidance and legislative requirements and establishes the steps necessary to respond to and recover from drought.

## 2 Consultation

It is a statutory requirement that we consult on our draft Drought Plan in order to give all of our stakeholders an opportunity to make representations. Our consultation exercise lasted for 8 weeks between 15 January 2025 and 12 March 2025. We sent our Draft Drought Plan to statutory consultees and published it on our website.

## 3 Statement of Response

We received responses from:

- NRW
- Water Resources West (WRW)
- Ofwat

The table below shows a summary of the responses received and actions taken:

From	Feedback number	Summary of feedback	Action taken
NRW	1	Alignment of data on potable and non-potable supplies with Dŵr Cymru	Wording updated in section 3.1 'Potable water' to include details of the potable supply for processing at the site (up to 2MI/d guaranteed).  No changes to our information in section 3.2 for non-potable water. Dŵr Cymru have updated their plan in section 3.6 to confirm that our non-potable supply is '18MI/d with, subject to availability, an additional 4MI/d'.  These changes bring the 2 plans into alignment.
	2	Update references to the latest Alwen Dee resource zone	References to Dŵr Cymru's drought plan updated on pages 11, 12 and 27 and references to the final water

	information contained within Dŵr Cymru's latest drought plan (2025)	resources management plan on pages 7 and 27. We were unable to link to unpublished documents during the draft drought plan process. Once Dŵr Cymru published documents we were able to update links.  Triggers and levels of service specific to the Alwen/Dee zone have been reviewed with Dŵr Cymru and we have amended the level of service for temporary use bans to 1 in 34 on page 11.
3	Update Table 1 to align with latest information from Dŵr Cymru	Following discussion with Dŵr Cymru the column 'Dŵr Cymru's actions' in Table 1 has been updated to reflect the actions listed in Table 1 of Dŵr Cymru's Draft Drought Plan 2025 – Main Technical Report and section 3.3 of Appendix 2 – Drought Risk Assessment
4	Clarify that if AEL did decide to apply for a Non Essential Use Ban we would need to apply to the Welsh Ministers	Sentence added for clarification in section 5 on page 16.
5	Clarify the data and information exchange arrangements from onset, during and post drought between Albion Eco and Dŵr Cymru	Section 4 includes the information exchanged between the companies on page 11.  Table 3 on pages 19 -20 sets out the stakeholder communications during the different stages of drought. The table has been updated to improve the presentation and clarify the information shared between parties during the different drought stages.
6	Provide specific information about compensation relating to drought management actions and provide a link to the code of practice	Details of compensation and a link to the Code of Practice has been added to section 5.2 on page 17.
7	Set out more information about how we have considered Welsh Legislation, the Environment Wales Act & the Wellbeing of Future Generations Act requirements in section 6	Additional information added to section 6 on page 17.
8	Provide clear narrative in Table 3 regarding which team is responsible for communicating with customers and stakeholders and include Wales	Table 3 on pages 19-20 updated to indicate teams responsible for each area.

		Drought Liaison Group and Water Resources West in the table	
	9	Provide details of data exchange arrangements agreed between Water Resources West regional group, Natural Resources Wales and Wales Drought Liaison Group	Table 3 on pages 19-20 updated with further detail.
	10	Clarify what the post drought 'internal' review will consist of and how it will be informed by other external reviews, such as NRW, Dŵr Cymru and Wales Drought Liaison Group	Additional information added to section 8 on page 22 to confirm that the review is a meeting with a report produced and that outputs from external reviews are considered as part of the internal review.
WRW	11	Role of Water Resources West in a drought – welcomed references to WRW, intend to publish WRW Drought Statement of Intent in October 2025	None required – we will review the Statement of Intent once published and consider it as part of the annual review of our Drought Plan.
	12	Code of Practice on Water Use Restrictions – pleased that we have adopted the updated UKWIR Code of practice on Water Use Restrictions	None required.
	13	Regionally Consistent Data and Assumptions – consistent assumptions on the import and export of water between companies	Wording amended as detailed in 1 above.
	14	Consistent Drought Communications – pleased we have adopted 4 levels of drought in line with Dŵr Cymru to aid consistent communication	Amended Table 3 on pages 19-20 to clarify which internal teams will handle communications with each party listed.
Ofwat	15	Align drought plan with Dŵr Cymru's in its expectations and arrangements for bulk supply agreements	Wording amended as detailed in 1 above.

## 4 Next Steps

The next steps in the production of our Drought Plan 2025 are shown below:

- The draft Drought Plan as consulted upon will be revised and published as our revised draft Drought Plan 2025 – 30 April 2025
- This Statement of Response will be published and sent along with our revised draft Drought Plan to the Welsh Government for review - 30 April 2025
- Direction from Welsh Government – date to be determined by Welsh Government

- Publication of the final Drought Plan 2025 - date to be determined by Welsh Government

## 5 Further Information

Copies of this Statement of Response and our Revised Draft Drought Plan 2025 can be found on our website on the [Drought Plan – Albion Eco Limited](#)

For any other information please contact us either by email to [drought@albioneco.co.uk](mailto:drought@albioneco.co.uk) or by calling our customer service team on **01582 344374**.