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Sewage spill water firms face bonus ban

Ofwat plan for crackdown as Yorkshire Water is punished

Ralph Blackburn

BONUSES similar to the £371 000 BONUSES similar to the \$371,000 awarded to Yorkshire Water's CEO could be blocked in future if there are more sewage spills – after the company agreed to pay £40m for "serious failures".

In the previous financial year, Nicola Shaw was awarded a base salary of £585,000, along with a bonus of £371,000 and additional benefits of £72,000.

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This is despite the company being one of the worst offenders when it comes to sewage overflows, and the Environment Agency giving Yorkshire Water a "red" rating due to rising pollution incidents. Yesterday, Ofwat, the industry watchdog, said a probe into the company found "serious failures" over how it operated and maintained its sewage network, which caused excessive spills from storm overflows.

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These spills have contributed to These spills have contributed to a situation in which no single river in Yorkshire is considered to be in good overall health, including Ilkley Beach, which has the highest level of untreated sewage anywhere in the UK.

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Ofwat said Yorkshire Water has admitted to its failings and agreed to a £40m enforcement payout as

to a £40m enforcement payout as a result. It initially announced the company would have to pay £47m last summer, however this has been reduced due to recent improvements. Instead Yorkshire Water will pay out £36.6m over the next five years to prioritise work on particularly problematic storm overflows in environmentally-sensitive areas. The water firm, which supplies more than five million customers across the region, will also hand £3.4m of funding to the Great Yorkshire Rivers Partnership. Ofwat said this would come from the company's coffers and its shareholders, and could not be passed on bill payers. The passed on the company's coffers and its shareholders, and could not be passed on bill payers. The passed on the company's coffers and its shareholders, and could not be passed on bill payers. The passed on some stands that this kind of enforcement action would likely preclude Ms Shaw from receiving another huge bonus. It comes as Yorkshire Water is set to hike its annual bill for customers by 29 per cent from

April 1. The Government's Water (Special Measures) Bill is awaiting Royal Assent. As part of the Bill, Ofwat will consult on rules which

Royal Assent. As part of the Bill, Ofwat will consult on rules which would block executives from receiving bonuses if standards are not upheld.

While the parameters for this have not been set yet, it is understood that enforcement action, like Yorkshire Water's £40m pay-out, would see performance-related pay being limited.

Ms Shaw recently defended her £371.000 bonus to MPs on the Environment, Farming and Rural Affairs Select Committee, saying the company's remuneration committee set 'really stretching targets'. "In particular, we improved and continue to improve on leakage and in relation to our staff engagement and staff safety and they wanted to reflect that in what had been a difficult year," she claimed. "They also recognised that we did nowhere nearly well enough in relation to our outcomes in relation to the environment and removed any bonus in relation to the

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Responding to the \$40m enforcement action, Ms Shaw added: "We know our storm overflows operate more frequently than we, our customers, would like them to. Since 2021, we've been actively taking steps to improve our performance. We know there's still more for us to do.

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"We're at the forefront of the industry to get this resolved and we're looking forward to delivering our ambitious plans to improve river health in Yorkshire.
"We apologise for our past mistakes and hope this redress package goes some way to show our commitment to improving the environment."

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has launched an investigation into
whether the Government has failed
to comply with water quality laws.
The OEP's report in May 2024
found Defra and Environment
Agency were off-track to meet targets for 77 per cent of England's water bodies to reach good condition
by 2027.

Watchdog probe: Page 5;
Comment: Page 10.

Sunny gallops home in country's oldest horse race



Sunny, ridden by Sophie Faulkner-Smith, wins the Kiplingcotes Derby yesterday. The race, said to have been first run in 1519, is thought to be Eng land's oldest horse race, and starts in the parish of Etton in East Yorkshire to Londesborough Wold Farm four miles away. Victory romp: Page 5.

Chiefs to make plan for peacekeeping force

SIR Keir Starmer has said a meeting of defence chiefs will turn the idea of a peacekeeping force for Ukraine from a political concept to "military plans"

The Prime Minister said the The Prime Minister said the 'timetable now is coming into fo-cus', after talks between the US and Russia, and that if a deal comes to fruition, the so-called coalition of the willing needs to be ready to re-act right away. Sir Keir and Defence Secretary John Healey attended a meeting of more than a dozen milltary leaders from the Prime Minister's so-called 'coalition of the willing' at a UK army base yesterday afternoon. The army chiefs discussed how

attacks if a deal to end the war is reached.
That could mean British force currently guarding Nato's eastern flank being redeployed to Ukraine, with other allies filling the gap.
The Prime Minister said: "Those plans are focusing on keeping the skies safe, the seas safe and the borders safe and secure in Ukraine and working with Ukrainians.
"Now, we're working at pace, because we don't know if there'll be a deal, I certainly hope there will be but if there's a deal, it's really important that we're able to react straight away."

The meeting came after Sir Keir co-ordinated a summit with 30 political leaders, including Ukrainlan President Volodymyr Zelensky and Frances Emmanuel Macron.
"What's happening here is turning that political intention into reality, the concept into plans," he said.
"It is vitally important we do that work because we know once thing for certain which is a deal without anything behind it is something that [Bussian President Vladimir] Putin will breach. We know that because it happened before. I'm absolutely clear in my mind it will happen again."

Calls this week between US Presi-dent Donald Trump, Mr Putin and

Mr Zelensky, have failed to produce the 30-day ceasefire envisaged by the White House. Instead Mr Putin agreed to a truce on hitting energy infrastructure, although Ukraine has said other civilian targets including a hospital had been struck. Foreign Secretary David Lammy said Mr Putin should not be given a 'veto' over the presence of European peacekeepers in Ukraine if a deal is done to end the wair. He said: 'Putin should simply accept an unconditional ceasefire. That is the plan on the table, let's get on with it, what are we waiting for? What we certainly can't do is given the course of the co

Sunak's plea to help family farms

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RISHI Sunak has urged the Environ-ment Secretary Steve Reed to keep the importance of family farms at the front of his mind.

Farming groups have said in re-cent weeks that the "trust" has been broken with Mr Reed and the Department of the Environment, Farming and Rural Affairs (Defra).
The Labour Government is intro-ducing an inheritance tax levy on farmers and abruptly ended appli-cations for the Sustainable Farming Initiative last week. Initiative last week.
In the House of Commons yester-

day, the former Prime Minister reiterated to Mr Reed that the importance of family farms should be at the forefront of Ministers minds.

The Conservative MP for Rich Timond and Northallerton said: Trecently visited New Sheepfold Farm in Ingleby Greenhow to see the great work that the Day family are doing to diversify their farm, help nature recovery, and improve enjoyment of our rural area.

"Now they did this with the help of the National Park Authority, the North York Moors, but also the

Farming in Protected Landscape Scheme, which I'm glad the Govern-ment has extended for a further year. So can I ask the Minister if he agrees

So can I ask the Minister if he agrees with me about the importance of family farms, like the Days, in land-scapes like the Dales and the Moors? And will he ensure that they remain at the forefront of Ministers' minds? Mr Reed replied: 'Of course I agree with him, and our focus on farm profitability is precisely so family farms up and down the country can have a bright and secure future.'

New 'national forest' plan for

West Country

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A NEW national forest is to be created across a swathe of the west of England from the Cotswolds to the Mendips, the Government has said.

The Western Forest project will create 2,500 hectares (6,200 acros) of woodland by 2030 across five priority areas in Wilhields, with plans to plant 20 million trees by 2050.

The Government said the announcement was a first step in meeting its manifesto commitment to create three new national forests, and would bring trees and woodlands closer to people in urban centres such as Bristol, Gloucester and Swindon.

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Gloucester and Swindon. The scheme is the first national forest for 30 years - following on from the establishment of the National Forest in the Midlands and aims to increase woodlands and trace cover to boost wildlife and tackle climate change. With 73 per cent of the forests area being farmland, part of the project will look to integrate trees into the farmed landscape.

WEATHER





Young gamblers

FIGURES showing more than one in 10 young people in York have gambled is the tip of the iceberg of the issue, says York Councils public health director Peter Roderick, who blamed smart phone betting apps and gambling adverts.

Full story: Page 2.

'No tax changes'

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CHANCELLOR Rachel Reeves is not expected to change taxes at next week's Spring Statement, it is understood. The Chancellor is set to deliver her statement next Wednesday, against the backdrop of a faltering economy and global uncertainty.

Full story: Page 4.

Puzzles Post 16 daily crosswords and puzzles: Pages 2 and 16.

Wickes profits fall

WICKES has revealed a drop in profits and sales for the past year after cash-strapped customers pulled back on big-ticket purchases. However, shares in the company little dafter it pointed to a "good start" with trading in 2025. to a good start 2025. Full story: Page 17.

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THE NATIONAL GRID ELECTRICITY TRANSMISSION PLC (SCOTLAND TO ENGLAND GREEN LINK 2) COMPULSORY PURCHASE ORDER 2023 COMPULSORY PURCHASE OF LAND AND NEW RIGHTS IN THE AREA OF NORTH YORKSHIRE

Electricity Act 1989

and the Acquisition of Land Act 1981

Notice is hereby given that the Secretary of State, in exercise of its powers under the above Acts, on 12 February 2025 confirmed the National Grid Electricity Transmission pic (Scotland to England Green Link 2) Compulsory Purr Order 2023, submitted by National Grid Electricity Transmission in Grid Electricity Transmission in Computer Purp Computer 2023, submitted by National Grid Electricity Transmission in Computer Purp Computer 2023, submitted by National Grid Electricity Transmission in Computer Purp Computer 2023, submitted by National Grid Electricity Transmission in Computer 2023, submitted by National Grid Electricity Transmission in Computer 2023, submitted by National Grid Electricity Transmission in Computer 2023, submitted by National Grid Electricity Transmission in Computer 2023, submitted by National Grid Electricity Transmission in Computer 2023, submitted by National Grid Electricity Transmission in Computer 2023, submitted by National Grid Electricity Transmission in Computer 2023, submitted by National Grid Electricity Transmission in Computer 2023, submitted by National Grid Electricity Transmission in Computer 2023, submitted by National Grid Electricity Transmission in Computer 2023, submitted by National Grid Electricity Transmission in Computer 2023, submitted by National Grid Electricity Transmission in Computer 2023, submitted by National Grid Electricity Transmission in Computer 2023, submitted by National Grid Electricity Transmission in Computer 2023, submitted by National Grid Electricity Transmission in Computer 2023, submitted by National Grid Electricity Transmission in Computer 2023, submitted by National Grid Electricity Transmission in Computer 2023, submitted 2023, submi

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The Order as confirmed becomes operative on the date with which this notice is first published. A person againsted by the Order may, by application to the High Court within 6 weeks from that date, chall of the Acquisition of Land Act 1981. The grounds for challenge can be that the authorisation granted by the Order is not empowered to be granted or that there has been a failure to comply with any relevance to the Order.

ecome operative, National Grid Electricity Transmission plc may acquire any of the land or rights of larations) Act 1981. A statement on the effect of Parts 2 and 3 of that Act is set out in Schedule 2 belo vessing Leveranty extensing sectional vest little in the control of the control o

National Grid Electricity Transmission pic has a period of 3 years beginning with the date the Order becomes operative to serve a notice to treat or execute a general vesting declaration. The Order will become of which this notice is first published or, if the order is subject to special parliamentary procedure, the date on which the order becomes operative under the Statutory Orders (Special Procedure) Act 1945.

SCHEDULE 1 - DESCRIPTION OF THE LAND AND NEW RIGHTS COMPRISED IN THE ORDER AS CONFIRMED

Freehold Acquisition at:

(a) 84636.63 square metres of agricultural land, hedgerow and overhead electricity lines, lying east of New Road and west of Woodcock Wood, in the parishes of Long Drax and Drax; (b) 17.61 square metres of hedgerow, lying north of Wren Hall Lane and east of New Road in the parish of Long Drax; (c) 15318.87 square metres of received and trees, lying south of Wren Hall and east of Wren Hall Lane, in the parish of Drax; (d) 5940.94 square metres of trees and dismantled railway, lying east of Wren Hall Lane and south of Wren Hall, in the parish of Drax; and (e) 33510.19 square metres of agricultural land and hedgerow, lying south of Wren Hall and west of The Laurels, in the parish of Drax.

The following Rights at land between Fraisthorpe and Drax:

Access Rights: all rights necessary to access the Order Land and adjoining land:

Electricity Infrastructure Construction Rights: all rights necessary for the purposes of or incidental to the const

onstruction Compound Rights: all rights necessary for the purposes of or incidental to the establishment, use and removal of works compounds associated with the construction and cor e construction, commissioning and decommissioning of the electric lines;

Drainage Rights: all rights necessary for the purposes of or incidental to the carrying out of de-watering and drainage works and to install, alter, use, maintain, re

HVAC Rights, HVDC Rights and Landfall Rights: all rights necessary for the purposes of or incidental to the retention, commissioning, operation, protection, maintenance, surveying, repair, redecommissioning of the electricity infrastructure;

Landscaping Rights: all rights necessary for the purposes of or incidental to the installation, inspection, retention, operation, protect environmental measures;

Temporary Access Rights: all rights necessary to access the land and adjoining land for the purposes of constructing and commissioning the electricity infrastructure and/or the construction, commissioning and detectric lines and/or the establishment, use and removal of works compounds, and carrying out de-watering and drainage works and installing, altering or reinstaling land drainage systems, with or without vehic apparatus, equipment, materials and personnel

SCHEDULE 2

FORM OF STATEMENT OF EFFECT OF PARTS 2 AND 3 OF THE COMPULSORY PURCHASE (VESTING DECLARATIONS) ACT 1981

Power to execute a general vesting declaration Once the National Grid Electricity Transmission pic (Scotland to England Green Link 2) Compulsory Purchase Order 2023 has become operative, the Acquiring Authority (National Grid Electricity Transmission pic, hereinafter called "NGET") may acquire any of the rights described in Schedule 1 above by executing element visiting delegration under section 4 of the Compulsory Purchase (Vesting Declarations) Act 1981 ("the Act"). This has the effect, subject to paragraphs 2 below.

Notices concerning general vesting declaration

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 As soon as may be after NGET execute a general vesting declaration, they must serve notice of it on every occupier of any land specified in the declaration (except land where there is one of the tenancies described in paragraph 4) and on every person who gives them information relating to the land in pursuance of the invitation contained in the confirmation of the Order. When the service of notices of the general vesting declaration is completed, a period specified in the declaration, of not less than three morths, will begin to run. On the first day after the end of this period the land described in the declaration, of not less than three morths, will begin to run. On the first day after the end of this period the land described in the declaration, of not less than three morths of it. Every person on whom NGET could have served an office to treat in respect of its interest in the land (with relating the land) and the land (with land) and the land (wit

Modifications with respect to certain tenancies

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In the case of carain tenancies to position stated above is subject to modifications. The modifications apply where the tenancy is either a "minor tenancy", i.e. a tenancy for a year or a yearly tenancy or a lesser interest, or a "long tenancy which is about to expire". The latter expression means a tenancy granted for an interest greater than a minor tenancy but having on the vesting date a period still to run which is not more than the period specified in the declaration for this purpose (which must be more than a year), in calculating how long a tenancy has still to run, where any option to renew or to terminate it is available to either party, it shall be assumed that the landard will take every opportunity open to him to terminate the tenancy while the tenant will use every opportunity to retain or renew his interest.

The modifications are that NGET may not exercise the right of entry referred to in paragraph 2 in respect of 1 and subject to a tenancy described in paragraph 4 unless they first serve notice to treat in respect of the tenancy and then serve every opportunity in a notice of their intention to enter and take possession after the period (not loss than three months from the service of the notice) specified in the notice. The right of entry will be exercisable at the end of that period. The vesting of the land will be subject to the tenancy until the end of that period or until the tenancy comes to an end, whichever happens first.

FORM FOR GIVING INFORMATION

THE NATIONAL GRID ELECTRICITY TRANSMISSION PLC (SCOTLAND TO ENGLAND GREEN LINK 2) COMPULSORY PURCHASE ORDER 2023

To: National Grid Electricity Transmission plc

[I] [We] being [a person] [persons) who, if a general vesting declaration were executed under section 4 of the Compulsory Purchase (Vesting Declarations) Act 1981 in respect of all the land comprised in the compulsory purchase order cited above in respect of which notice to treat has not been given, would be entitled to claim compensation in respect of [all] [part of] that land, give you the following information, pursuant to the provisions of section 15 of, or paragraph 6 of Schedule 1 to the Acquisition of Land Act 1981.

1: Name and Address of informant(s) (i) ...

Nature of interest (iii)

[on behalf of]

(i) In the case of a joint interest insert the names and addresses of all the informants

(ii) The land should be described concis

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