

**STATUTORY NOTICE FOR DROUGHT PERMIT APPLICATION
SOUTH WEST WATER LIMITED
RESTORMEL WTW DROUGHT PERMIT
SECTION 79A OF THE WATER RESOURCES ACT 1991**

TAKE NOTICE that due to a serious water shortage (or a threat thereof) in the Colliford Water Resource Zone caused by an exceptional shortage of rain, South West Water Limited ("**SWW**") of Peninsula House, Rydon Ln, Exeter EX2 7HR is applying to the Environment Agency for a drought permit under section 79A of the Water Resources Act 1991.

The proposed drought permit will involve a variation to the Abstraction Licence number 15/48/18/S/40 dated 8 April 1987 ("**the Licence**"); until 1 April 2023.

Under the terms of the Licence, SWW is allowed to abstract a maximum quantity of 110 megalitres per day from the River Fowey at the Restormel Water Treatment Works ("**WTW**"), and a maximum quantity of 28,900 megalitres per annum.

SWW now wishes to apply to:

1. Increase the maximum annual abstraction volume for the calendar year 2022 to a total of 32,200 megalitres until 31 December 2022; and
2. Replace the overall limitation of 28,900 megalitres with a limit of 32,500 megalitres in respect of all water abstracted from River Fowey, for the calendar year 2023

Subject to the following conditions:

1. The permitted additional abstraction volume shall not exceed the terms of the Licence, including the daily abstraction limit of 110 megalitres.
2. The permitted abstraction at 2 above may only be taken up between 1 January 2023 and 31 March 2023 inclusive.

The proposed Drought Permit, if granted, will allow SWW to continue to abstract water from the River Fowey at the WTW, with further volume available for public water supply, or to refill Colliford Reservoir directly. SWW is applying for this Drought Permit to reduce the risk of drought permits or orders being required in Spring/Summer 2023, and to assist the recovery of water supply resources in Colliford Water Resource Zone ("**WRZ**") which have been excessively depleted as a result of drought and to assist the maintenance of water supply across the WRZ, thereby reducing risk to supply in 2023.

SWW will show that the deficiency of water supply or a threat thereof relates to an "exceptional shortage of rainfall" within its drought permit application.

Anyone may inspect the proposals, free of charge, at:

- South West Water Head Office, Peninsula House, Rydon Lane, Exeter, EX2 7HR (9am – 5pm Mon-Fri).
- Sir John Moore House, Omaha Road, Bodmin, Cornwall, PL31 1EB (9am – 5pm Mon-Fri).
- Bude Post Office, Belle Vue, Bude, EX23 8LU (9am-5pm Mon-Fri, 9am-12.30pm Sat).
- Application documents will be hosted at <https://www.southwestwater.co.uk/advice-and-services/save-water/hosepipeban/>

Objections may be made in writing to the Environment Agency at:

Water Resources Permitting Support Centre
Environment Agency
Quadrant 2
99 Parkway Avenue
Parkway Business Park
Sheffield S9 4WF
Email address: PSC-WaterResources@environment-agency.gov.uk

Objectors should state the grounds of the objection and provide an address or email address to which correspondence relating to the objection may be sent.

The Environment Agency will pass to SWW a copy of any objection it receives.

Objections should be made immediately and in any event by 23:59 on 20 October 2022

Dr Lisa Gahan, Group Director of Regulatory, Strategy and Asset Management
For and on behalf of South West Water Limited
13 October 2022