

**STATUTORY NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR DROUGHT PERMIT AT HAWK'S TOR PIT
SOUTH WEST WATER LIMITED
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 ("**WRZ**") 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 at Hawk's Tor Pit ("**the Drought Permit**") under section 79A of the Water Resources Act 1991.

SWW previously held a temporary licence to abstract 10 megalitres per day from Hawk's Tor Pit between 16 June 1977 and 28 February 1986. SWW has previously been granted two drought orders in 1995 and 1996 for Hawk's Tor Pit, which permitted SWW to temporarily abstract up to 10 megalitres a day and 20 megalitres a day respectively.

The Drought Permit, if granted, will allow SWW to abstract no more than 8 megalitres per day of water from Hawk's Tor Pit for public water supply and/or to refill Colliford Reservoir directly until 30 April 2023. This is a new abstraction.

SWW is applying for this Drought Permit to reduce the risk of drought permits or orders being required in Spring/Summer 2023, to assist the recovery of water supply resources in Colliford WRZ which have been excessively depleted as a result of drought, and to assist the maintenance of water supply across Colliford 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).
- Blisland Post Office, The Glebe, Community Centre, Blisland, Bodmin, Cornwall, PL30 4JE (9am – 1pm Mon-Fri).
- 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 10 November 2022

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