

6 Drought Permit Application – Consultation

November 2022



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1 BACKGROUND

South West Water is applying for a drought permit under section 79A of the Water Resources Act 1991 ("WRA 1991") or a temporary permit to abstract 8 ML/D from Hawk’s Tor Pit for public supply and/or to refill Colliford reservoir directly.

1.1 The drought permit application documents

This document is part of a suite of documents which form the application for the drought permit as set out in Table 1. The structure and contents of the documents follows the requirements set out in **Appendix E** of the EA guidance on drought permits and drought orders ("**The Drought Permit Guidance**"), which was issued in 2019 and revised in 2021, with some adjustments to the sequence of documents / sections.

Table 1 Document structure for drought permit application

Documents: Drought Permit Proposals		
1	1.1 1.2 1.3 Appendix 1	Description of Proposals Draft Permit Drinking Water Services Report 2022 – Operations Supporting Evidence National Security Notice
2	2.1 2.2	Statement of Reasons Case for Exceptional Shortage of Rain (ESoR)
3	3	Hawk’s Tor Pit Drought Permit Environmental Impact Review
4	4 Appendix 1 Appendix 2	Evidence the Company has followed its Drought Plan Enhanced Media Campaign Leakage and pressure management
5	5	Actions taken to reduce demand and conserve supplies in line with Drought Plan
6	6 Appendix 1 Appendix 2	Consultation Process Formal Notice Email to Stakeholders

2 PUBLIC NOTICES

2.1 Publications

A Public Notice is to be published in the following publications on 3 November 2022:

- ❖ London Gazette
- ❖ Western Morning News
- ❖ Daily Express

The notice informs the general public about the drought permit application and provides details of where the application documents may be accessed: either online, or in hard copy at three locations, and sets out how representations or objections may be made to the drought permit.

The notice is included as Appendix 1.

3 STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT

3.1 Invitees to online stakeholder engagement session

Consumer Council for Water
Liskeard and District Angling Association
Fowey Rivers Association
Fowey Fisheries Resource Group
Restormel Angling Ltd
Wadebridge and District Angling Association
Bodmin Angling Association
Cornwall Council
Environment Agency
South West Regional Flood and Coastal Committee
South West Rivers Association

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Westcountry Rivers Trust
Angling Trust
South West Lakes Trust
Cornwall Catchment Partnership
Cornwall Wildlife Trust
Cornwall Council Officers and Cornwall Councillors and Link Officers for Liskeard and Looe Area , St Blazey , Fowey and Lostwithiel and Bodmin
Fowey Harbour Commissioners
St Cleer Parish Council
Menheniot Parish Council
St Neot Parish Councils
St Breward Parish Council
Tywardreath Parish Council
St Winnow Parish Council
St Veep Parish Council
St Sampson Parish Council
St Blaise Town Council
Luxulyan Parish Council
Lostwithiel Town Council
Lanlivery Parish Council
Fowey Town Council
Broadoak Parish meeting
Bocconoc Parish Meeting

On 31 October 2022 all stakeholders listed in the table above were notified by E-mail by the intent to apply for a drought permit to adapt how we manage water in the Colliford Water Resource Zone (WRZ), following the period of prolonged dry weather.

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The email invited stakeholders to attend a briefing event and Q&A session on Thursday 3 November 15:00am to 16.00am, which will explain the terms of the proposed permit and the need for the same, in order to increase understanding and alleviate any concerns.

The email is detailed in Appendix 2.

Stakeholders were encouraged to register for the session on Eventbrite.

3.2 Notices to MPs

North Cornwall MP Scott Mann was informed of the planned application on 2 November 2022.

Notices to protected persons

Protected persons are those protected under any Licence order or enactment.

There are not any in this instance, however as a courtesy we have included the Fowey Harbour Commissioners.

The Fowey Harbour Commissioners also received the email and the invitation to join the online briefing.

4 DESCRIPTION OF ARRANGEMENTS FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION

Paper copies of the drought permit application documents are available for public inspection for seven days from 3 November 2022 at the following locations:

- ❖ 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).
- ❖ The documents are also available on the South West Water website at: <https://www.southwestwater.co.uk/advice-and-services/save-water/hosepipeban/>

5 CONSULTATION COMMENTS

The online briefing session for stakeholders will be held on Thursday 3 November, 15:00 – 16:00.

A summary of the any discussion and questions asked can be supplied to the Environment Agency.

An additional briefing with (“NE”) was held on Tuesday 1 November to ensure that relevant NE colleagues were fully aware of the application and timeline for participation. We outlined the proposal and NE was appropriately reassured that neither Hawk's Tor Pit SSSI or Bodmin Moor North SSSI are likely to adversely affected by the proposed drought permit abstraction

6 DETAILS OF OBJECTIONS

No formal objections have been raised at the time this document was published.