

**STATUTORY NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR DROUGHT PERMIT AT PARK LAKE  
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 Park Lake ("**the Drought Permit**") under section 79A of the Water Resources Act 1991.

SWW is licenced to abstract water from Park Lake for supply to customers under abstraction licence number 15/48/018/G/118/R01 as issued on 30 January 2018 ("**the Park Licence**").

Under the Park Licence, SWW is allowed to abstract a maximum quantity of water from Park Lake of 0.5 megalitres an hour and up to 8 megalitres per day, at an instantaneous rate of not more than 139 litres per second. The maximum quantity of water SWW is licenced to take from Park Lake is 2,920 megalitres per annum, and the rolling 5-year average daily abstraction rate cannot exceed 4 megalitres a day.

The Drought Permit application will involve a variation to the Park Licence until 30 April 2023 to increase the above volumes for abstraction. SWW are applying to increase the hourly abstraction limit to 0.875 megalitres and increase the daily abstraction limit to 14 megalitres per day, at an instantaneous abstraction rate not exceeding 243 litres per second. The maximum annual abstraction volume for the calendar year 2022 shall be increased to a total of 3,232 megalitres until 31 December 2022 and the maximum annual abstraction volume for the calendar year 2023 (until 30 April 2023), shall be increased to a total of 3,640 megalitres. To take account of the proposed increases in abstraction, the rolling 5-year average daily abstraction rate shall be increased to a limit of 10 megalitres a day.

The Drought Permit, if granted, will allow SWW to continue to abstract water from Park Lake, with further volume available for public water supply and for the purposes of refilling 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 WRZ which have been excessively depleted as a result of drought. This Drought Permit will assist with 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 the 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).
- Dobwalls Post Office, Duloe Road, Dobwalls, Liskeard, Cornwall, PL14 6LJ (6.30am – 9.30pm Mon-Sat (exc. Weds and Sun), 8.30am – 9.30pm Weds and 8.00am – 9.30pm Sun)
- 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](mailto: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 9 November 2022

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For and on behalf of South West Water Limited  
2 November 2022