

6 Drought Permit Application – Consultation

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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**") to make temporary amendments to abstraction licence SW/049/0281/001/R01 as issued on 20 November 2016 ("**the Licence**"), relating to abstraction from Stannon Lake for the purposes of replenishing the storage levels at Colliford Reservoir.

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 Appendix 2	Description of Proposals Draft Permit Drinking Water Services Report 2022 – Operations Supporting Evidence Stannon Abstraction Licence National Security Notice
2	2.1 2.2	Statement of Reasons Case for Exceptional Shortage of Rain (ESoR)
3	3 3.1	Stannon Drought Permit Environmental Assessment Report Stannon Drought Permit Shadow Habitat Regulations Assessment Report
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 27 October 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 Water
Cornwall Council
Cornwall Wildlife Trust
Natural England
Cornwall Catchment Partnership
South West Lakes Trust
Angling Trust
Westcountry Rivers Trust
South West Rivers Association
South West Regional Flood Committee
South West Regional Flood Committee

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Environment Agency
Padstow Harbour Master
St Breward Parish Council (not in Area 11 but site of Stannon Lake)
Cornwall Councillors for Area 11 (Wadebridge and Padstow) and for St Teath
Wadebridge and District Angling Association
Bodmin Anglers Association
Egloshayle Parish Council
Padstow Town Council
St Breock Parish Council
St Endellion Parish Council
St Ervan Parish Council
St Eval Parish Council
St Issey Parish Council
St Kew Parish Council
St Mabyn Parish Council
St Merryn Parish Council
St Minver Highlands Parish Council
St Minver Lowlands Parish Council
St Tudy Parish Council
Wadebridge Town Council

On 22 October 2022 all stakeholders listed in the table above were notified by email of 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.

The email invited stakeholders to attend a briefing event and Q&A session on 25 October 2022 at 10.30 to 11.30, 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.

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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 26 October 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 Padstow Harbour Commissioners.

The Padstow 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 27 October 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).
- ❖ Camelford Post Office, 12 Market Place, Camelford, Cornwall, PL32 9PB (8:30am-5pm Mon-Fri, 9am-5pm Sat).
- ❖ 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 was held on Tuesday 25 October, 10:30-11:30.

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Stakeholders present commended the clarity of the presentation and welcomed the proposed level of environmental monitoring outlined in the presentation.

A question was asked regarding links to peatland restoration work being undertaken nearby Stannon Lake which it was agreed would be responded to separately.

Natural England (“NE”) colleagues had not registered to attend the stakeholder briefing session therefore a separate approach was made to the Area Manager for Cornwall, with whom a meeting was also held on 25 October 2022, to ensure that relevant NE colleagues were fully aware of the application and timeline for participation.

6 DETAILS OF OBJECTIONS

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