

SEVERN TRENT WATER LIMITED NOTICE OF AN APPLICATION FOR A DROUGHT PERMIT

TAKE NOTICE that due to the threat of a serious deficiency in supplies of water in the areas served by the Derwent Valley reservoirs in its strategic water supply grid, caused by an exceptional shortage of rain, Severn Trent Water Limited (“the Company”) is applying to the Environment Agency for a drought permit under Section 79A of the Water Resources Act 1991.

The proposed drought permit, which is intended to apply until 31 March 2023, will allow the Company to temporarily reduce the minimum combined quantity of compensation water required to be discharged to the River Derwent from Ladybower Reservoir at National Grid Reference SK 199 855 and to the Jagers Clough at SK 162 866 from a combined volume of 74 megalitres per day (or from a combined volume of 92 megalitres per day when the flow in the River Derwent at Derby is less than 340 megalitres per day) to a combined volume of 51 megalitres per day. Within this combined volume, it will also allow the Company to reduce the minimum quantity of compensation water required to be discharged to the River Derwent from Ladybower Reservoir at National Grid Reference SK 199 855 from 54 megalitres per day to 34 megalitres per day. The proposed drought permit will furthermore allow the company to temporarily add a new abstraction point (but not an increase in the volumes of water abstracted) for the purpose of supply and onwards transfer of water to Yorkshire Water from Ladybower Reservoir at SK 20 86.

The anticipated effect of the drought permit, if granted, will be to aid in the winter refill of the Derwent Valley Reservoirs and ensure existing supply is maintained to Yorkshire Water. The powers will thus help to safeguard public water supplies within Severn Trent’s wider strategic water supply grid and to southern Sheffield in Yorkshire Water’s Supply area.

Anyone may inspect the proposals at the following locations, free of charge, during normal working hours for a period of seven days from the publication or service of this notice:

- Hathersage Post Office, Main Road, Hope Valley, S32 1BB, Tel 0345 722 3344
- Matlock Library, Steep Turnpike, Matlock, Derbyshire, DE4 3DP, Tel 01629 533837
- Belper Library, Bridge Street, Belper, Derbyshire, DE56 1BA, Tel 01629 533192
- Severn Trent Water, Raynesway, Derby, DE21 7JA,
- Environment Agency, Trentside Offices, Scarrington Road, West Bridgford, Nottingham, NG2 5BR, Tel: 03708 506 506
- Severn Trent Water, 2 St John's Street, Coventry, CV1 2LZ, Tel:02477 715000
- Severn Trent Water’s Website at <https://www.stwater.co.uk/>

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 or psc-waterresources@environment-agency.gov.uk.

Objections should be made immediately and in any event no later than close of business on 10th October.

Objectors may send a copy of their objection to the address below or by email to FutureConsultation@severntrent.co.uk .

Dated: [30 September](#) 2022

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