

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 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 will increase the aggregate quantity of water that the Company is entitled to abstract from Foremark Reservoir in Derbyshire at National Grid Reference SK 33 24 and Staunton Harold Reservoir in Derbyshire at National Grid Reference SK 38 24 under licence serial numbers 03/28/36/0148 and 03/28/36/0147 respectively. If granted, the drought permit will increase the aggregate quantity of water that the Company can abstract from 73,200,000 cubic metres per year to 76,700,000 cubic metres per year, from 1st April 2022 until 31st March 2023 (there will be no change in the daily abstraction rates). The drought permit will also modify abstraction licence 03/28/35/0005 which permits abstraction from the River Dove at National Grid Reference SK 27 27 but will not result in an increase in permitted rates of abstraction from the River Dove.

The anticipated effect of the drought permit, if granted, will be to increase the quantity of water that the Company can abstract from Staunton Harold and Foremark reservoirs. This will allow the Company to reduce its use of other reservoirs and so will be an aid to the refill of the reservoirs that supply the Company’s strategic water supply grid. The powers will thus help to safeguard public water supplies from the Company’s wider strategic water supply grid. Conditions requiring the Company to release a volume of water from the reservoirs to support downstream watercourses will not be affected by the drought permit.

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

- Swadlincote Library, Civic Way, Swadlincote, DE11 0AD, 01629 533013, Mon- Fri 9.30am-5pm, Sat 9.30am-4pm
- Staunton Harold Reservoir National Trust Cafe, Calke Rd, Windmill Hill, Melbourne, Derby DE73 8DN, 01332 865685. Mon-Sun 10.30am-2.30pm.
- Environment Agency, Trentside Offices, Scarrington Road, West Bridgford, Nottingham, NG2 5BR, 03708 506 506, Mon-Fri 8.30am-5pm.
- Severn Trent Water, Riverside Park East Service, Raynesway, Derby DE21 7BQ. 0843 837 019, 8am-4pm
- Severn Trent Water, 2 St John's Street, Coventry, CV1 2LZ, Tel:02477 715000, Mon-Fri 8am-4pm
- Severn Trent Water’s website at <https://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.

Please quote 'Dove Reservoirs – Drought permit' in the header of any objection submitted. Objections should be made immediately and in any event no later than close of business on 7 December 2022.

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

Dated: 28 November 2022

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