

UNITED UTILITIES WATER LIMITED

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR A DROUGHT PERMIT

TAKE NOTICE that due to the threat of a serious water shortage in the part of its water supply area served by the integrated reservoir complex at Rivington caused by an exceptional shortage of rain, United Utilities 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 for 6 months, will allow the Company to reduce the compensation flow (1) from 3.9 MI/d to 2.0 MI/d (0.858 million gallons per day to 0.440 million gallons per day) from the Rivington reservoir complex to the River Yarrow via Brinscall Brook Lodges and (2) from 4.9 MI/d to 2.0 MI/d (1.078 million gallons per day to 0.440 million gallons per day) from the Rivington reservoir complex to the River Yarrow via White Coppice Lodges.

A drought permit is therefore being sought for the Rivington reservoir complex from the Environment Agency. The Rivington reservoir complex comprises 8 reservoirs known as Higher Roddlesworth, Lower Roddlesworth, Rake Brook, Anglezarke, High Bullough, Yarrow, Upper Rivington and Lower Rivington which are interconnected. If granted, the permit will enable more water to be retained within three of the reservoirs in the complex, Rake Brook reservoir and Higher and Lower Roddlesworth reservoirs. This will result in a decreased rate of drawdown during the drought and will thus prolong the period during which the Company can maintain the lower compensation flows to both Brinscall Brook and White Coppice. Furthermore, at the end of the drought period this reduced drawdown level resulting from the drought permit will expedite a return to normal water levels in the reservoir and thus flows within the River Yarrow via Brinscall Brook and White Coppice Lodges.

In consultation with the Environment Agency and other bodies, including Natural England, the Company has carried out comprehensive environmental assessments into the potential impact of the proposed permit.

Anyone may inspect the proposals, free of charge, during normal working hours at:-

Horwich Library, Jones Street, Horwich, Bolton BL6 7AJ 01204 332348
United Utilities Water Limited, Haweswater House, Lingley Mere Business Park,
Lingley Green Avenue, Great Sankey, Warrington WA5 3LP. 01925 679800
United Utilities Water Limited, Great House Information Centre, Rivington Lane,
Rivington, Lancashire BL6 7SB 01204 691549
Environment Agency Lutra House, Dodd Way, Walton Summit, Bamber Bridge,
Preston PR5 8BX. 03708 506 506

for a period of 8 days from the date of this Notice.

Objections may be made in writing to the Environment Agency at Permitting Support Centre, Water Resources, PO Box 4209, Sheffield, S9 9BS or by email to PSC-WaterResources@environment-agency.gov.uk. Objections should be made immediately and in any event no later than 5pm on 7th August 2018. Objectors may send a copy of their objection to the address below.

Dated 31st July 2018

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