

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 abstractions at Woodhead, Torside and Rhodeswood from the Longdendale chain of reservoirs (together the "Longdendale Reservoirs") 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 from 45.5 Ml/d to 22.5 Ml/d from Bottoms Lodge Reservoir (a reservoir in Longdendale) to the River Etherow. A reduced flow to the River Etherow will result in more water being retained in Bottoms Lodge Reservoir. This will help to conserve the water available for abstraction from the Longdendale Reservoirs and guarantee a minimum compensation flow to the River Etherow. The permit would expedite a return to normal water levels in Bottoms Lodge Reservoir.

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:-

- Environment Agency, Richard Fairclough House, Knutsford Road, Latchford, Warrington, Cheshire, WA4 1HT. 03708 506 506.
- United Utilities Water Limited, Haweswater House, Lingley Mere Business Park, Lingley Green Avenue, Great Sankey, Warrington, WA5 3LP. 01925 679800.
- Glossop public library, Talbot Street, Glossop, Derbyshire, SK13 7DG. 01629 531199.
- United Utilities Water Limited, Bottoms Office, Woodhead Road, Hadfield, Cheshire, SK13 1HS. 01925 463070.

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, Environment Agency, Quadrant 2, 99 Parkway Avenue, Parkway Business Park, Sheffield, S9 4WF or by email to PSC-WaterResources@environment-agency.gov.uk. Objections should be made immediately and in any event no later than 5pm on 20 September 2018. Objectors may send a copy of their objection to the address below.

Dated 13 September 2018

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