

## UNITED UTILITIES WATER LTD

### 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 Ullswater, caused by an exceptional shortage of rain, United Utilities Water LTD ("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 abstract water from Ullswater when the flow in the River Eamont is lower than permitted under the current abstraction licence. It will allow the Company to abstract when the flow is at least 95 megalitres per day for the duration of the drought permit instead of the current specified flows for each month. It will also replace the overall limitation of 45,632.748 megalitres with a limit of 66,553.44 megalitres in the six month period in respect of all water abstracted from Ullswater, whilst the permit is in operation.

The anticipated effect of the drought permit, if granted, will be to increase the amount of water available for supply in the North West region, by increasing storage in Haweswater Reservoir. This will help to safeguard longer term supplies for public use. The effect of this will be a reduction in the flow of the River Eamont downstream of Ullswater. The proposal does not seek any powers to change the current requirement to cease abstraction when the lake level drops below the intake in Gale Bay. In consultation with the Environment Agency and other bodies, including Natural England, the Company has carried out a comprehensive environmental assessment into the potential impact of the proposed permit.

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

- The Post Office, Pooley Bridge, Penrith, Cumbria. CA10 2NP. 017684 86168.
- United Utilities Water Ltd, Haweswater House, Lingley Mere Business Park, Lingley Green Avenue, Great Sankey, Warrington, Cheshire. WA5 3LP. 01925 237000.
- United Utilities Water Ltd, 32 Lake Road, Keswick, CA12 5DQ. 017687 75429.
- Environment Agency, Ghyll Mount, Gillan Way, Penrith 40 Business Park, Penrith, Cumbria. CA11 9BP. 0870 8506506.

for a period of 8 days from the publication of this notice.

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](mailto:psc-waterresources@environment-agency.gov.uk). Objections should be made immediately and in any event by 5pm on 26<sup>th</sup> July 2018. Objectors may send a copy of their objection to the address below.

Dated 19<sup>th</sup> July 2018

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