

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 Scales boreholes, 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 abstract more water from the boreholes by replacing the annual limit of 365 megalitres with a limit of 621 megalitres in respect of all water abstracted from Scales boreholes, 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 West Cumbria region. This will help to safeguard longer term supplies for public use. The effect of this may be a reduction in the flow of local streams. 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:-

- Wigton library, High Street, Wigton, Cumbria, CA7 9NJ. 016973 42729.
- United Utilities Water Limited, Haweswater House, Lingley Mere Business Park, Lingley Green Avenue, Great Sankey, Warrington, Cheshire, WA5 3LP. 01925 679800.
- United Utilities Water Limited, Sir Christopher Harding House, North Shore Road, Whitehaven, Cumbria, CA28 7XY. By appointment. 01925 235992.
- Environment Agency, Ghyll Mount, Gillan Way, Penrith 40 Business Park, Penrith, Cumbria, CA11 9BP. 03708 506506.

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. Objections should be made immediately and in any event by 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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