

WATER RESOURCES ACT 1991

DROUGHT ORDER ISSUED

TAKE NOTICE that the Secretary of State for the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs has granted a drought order to the Environment Agency ("the Agency") under Section 73 of the Water Resources Act 1991. The drought order is required to address the threat of a serious deficiency of supplies of water in Teggs Nose Reservoir and Bottoms Reservoir at Langley, Macclesfield (National Grid Reference: SJ 94 71) caused by an exceptional shortage of rain.

The drought order, which is intended to apply for up to six months, will reduce the compensation water flow required from the reservoirs under Section 23 (1) of the Macclesfield Corporation Act 1939, in a staged manner from 525,000 gallons (2.387 Megalitres per day (MI/day)) to 1.8 MI/day in a steady and continuous flow to the River Bollin during the period of operation of the order.

This will ensure the reservoirs are able to continue to provide a compensation flow to meet the needs of the downstream environment whilst preserving stocks in the reservoirs to support their environmental needs.

Anyone may inspect the drought order until 14 March 2019. Inspection is free of charge and available during normal working hours at:-

- The Post Office, 1 Tunncliffe Rodd, Sutton, Macclesfield, SK11 0EB. By appointment 01260 252438 (Opening hours; Mon-Fri 6am-7pm, Sat 6am-6pm, Sun (and Bank Holidays) 6am-1pm.)
- Environment Agency, Richard Fairclough House, Knutsford Road, Latchford, Warrington, Cheshire, WA4 1HT. By appointment. 0370 8506506.

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