

ENVIRONMENT AGENCY
WATER RESOURCES ACT 1991
NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR A DROUGHT ORDER

TAKE NOTICE that due to the threat of a serious deficiency of supply of water for compensation flow in Carr Bottom Reservoir at Burley Woodhead, Ilkley (National Grid Reference: SE 14667 44615) caused by an exceptional shortage of rain, the Environment Agency ("the Agency") is applying to the Secretary of State for the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs for a drought order under Section 73 of the Water Resources Act 1991.

The proposed drought order, which is intended to apply for up to 6 months, will allow the Agency to reduce the compensation flow required from Carr Bottom Reservoir under the Wharfedale Act 1899 in a staged manner from 0.085 megalitres per day (Ml/day) to 0.043 Ml/day to the Carr Beck, during the period of operation of the order.

The order, if granted, would allow the Agency to continue to provide a compensation flow to meet the needs of the downstream environment whilst preserving stocks in the reservoir to support such environmental needs.

Anyone may inspect the proposals, which include a map of the area affected by the order, until 4th October 2018. Inspection is free of charge and available during normal working hours at:-

- Burley-in-Wharfedale Post Office, 36 Station Road, Burley-in-Wharfedale, Ilkley, LS29 7NB. (Opening hours; Mon – Fri 07:30 – 17:30, Sat 09:00 – 14:00.)
- Environment Agency, Lateral, 8 City Walk, Leeds, LS11 9AT. By appointment, telephone 03708 506 506.

Objections must be sent to water.resources@defra.gsi.gov.uk or:

Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, c/o Water Resources Policy, Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, Seacole 3rd Floor, 2 Marsham Street, London, SW1P 4DF.

Objections should be made immediately and in any event no later than 5pm on 4th October 2018. Objectors may send a copy of their objection to the undersigned.

Dated 27th September 2018

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