

YORKSHIRE WATER SERVICES LIMITED
NOTICE FOR DROUGHT PERMIT APPLICATION
River Wharfe

TAKE NOTICE that on 19 December 2018 the Environment Agency granted a Drought Permit to **YORKSHIRE WATER SERVICES LIMITED (company number 02366682) whose registered office is at Western House, Halifax Road, Bradford, BD6 2SZ**, following Yorkshire Water's application on 15 November 2018 under Section 79A of the Water Resources Act 1991.

Yorkshire Water is authorised to abstract water from the River Wharfe at Lobwood, North Yorkshire for supply to customers under abstraction licence number 2/27/19/129/R01 ("the Lobwood Licence"). The Lobwood Licence conditions permit Yorkshire Water to abstract a maximum of 5,060 cubic metres per hour, 93,200 cubic metres per day and 23,742,000 cubic metres per year, at an instantaneous rate not exceeding 1,406 litres per second.

The daily abstraction limit varies depending on flow conditions ('bands') in the River Wharfe and upstream releases from Grimwith Reservoir. Under the conditions of the Lobwood Licence, during periods of low flow in the River Wharfe, Yorkshire Water is required to support its abstraction at Lobwood by releasing water from Grimwith Reservoir. When river flows are above 389 megalitres per day (Ml/d) (Bands A and B in the licence), Yorkshire Water does not have to provide any support. When river flows are between 252 and 389 Ml/d (Band C in the licence), Yorkshire Water is permitted to abstract the volume of water being released from Grimwith Reservoir plus an additional 6.8 Ml/d. When river flows are below 252 Ml/d (Band D in the licence), Yorkshire Water is permitted to abstract the volume of water being released from Grimwith Reservoir less 22.7 Ml/d, up to a maximum of 88.6 Ml/d.

The Drought Permit amends the Lobwood Licence to allow Yorkshire Water to increase its annual abstraction limit to 27,397,000 cubic meters (an increase of 3,655,000 cubic meters) for the licensing year 2018/19. All other conditions on the Lobwood Licence, including support from Grimwith Reservoir in the lower flow bands, will continue as specified in the Lobwood Licence.

The permit will increase the volume of river water Yorkshire Water can supply to customers. This will allow Yorkshire Water to reduce its use of other reservoirs in the region and allow stocks to recharge over the winter period, to help secure supply for customers. Yorkshire Water, in consultation with the Environment Agency, has carried out an assessment of the potential environmental impacts of the permit.

Anyone may inspect the Drought Permit, free of charge, at Yorkshire Water, Western House, Halifax Road, Bradford, BD6 2SZ.

Dated: 19 January 2019

Signed: Pamela Doherty
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