The Environment Agency is proposing to revoke (cancel) or reduce the abstraction licence numbers mentioned below.

The Environment Agency is required to give notice of this proposal. The Environment Agency give this notice under section 52 of the Water Resources Act 1991 and regulation 31 of the Water Resources (Abstraction and Impounding) Regulations 2006.

The Environment Agency has made this proposal as part of a programme to achieve sustainable abstraction and to conserve, and secure the proper use of, water resources.

Details of the proposal

The proposal is to revoke (cancel) the following licences:

Licence number 2568001148 allows the licence holder Mr R Latham, Brook House Farm, Chorley, Nantwich, Cheshire, CW5 8JR to abstract a total of 454.6 cubic metres (m³) of water a day, and a total of 32,958.5 m³ a year, from underground strata (sandstone), Kelsall, Northwich. This is at National Grid Reference (NGR) SJ 548 683. The licence holder can abstract water for spray irrigation between April and September inclusive.

Licence number 2568006103 allows the licence holder Ian Stuart Ross and Irene Jean Ross, Willow Wood Farm, Yeld Lane, Kelsall, Cheshire, CW6 0TE to abstract a total of 54.5 m³ of water a day, and a total of 2,727.6 m³ a year, from a spring fed reservoir, Kelsall, Cheshire. This is at NGR SJ 5334 7057. The licence holder can abstract water for spray irrigation for the period April to June inclusive.

Licence number 2569025054 allows the licence holder Grange Park Golf Club Ltd, Prescot Road, St Helens, Merseyside to abstract a total of 22.7 m³ of water a day, and a total of 3,409.5 m³ a year, from an unnamed tributary of Mill Brook, St Helens. This is at NGR SJ 486 948. The licence holder can abstract water for spray irrigation for the period March to October inclusive.

Licence number 2671338011 allows the licence holder Longridge Golf Club & Preston Cycling Club, Fell Barn, Jeffrey Hill, Longridge, PR3 2TU to abstract a total of 20.46 m³ of water a day, and a total of 7,364.52 m³ a year, from inland water, a culvert at Jeffrey Hill, Longridge. This is at NGR SD 626 391. The licence holder can abstract water for club and domestic use and treatment of greens all year.

The proposal is to reduce the following licences:

Licence number 2568006121 allows the licence holder R Kinsey Partnership, Peel Hall, Gongar Lane, Ashton, Chester, Cheshire, CH3 8AY to abstract a total of 1,145.592 m³ of water a day, and a total of 45,825 m³ a year, from the Ashton Brook, Chester. This is at NGR SJ 490 699. The licence holder can abstract water for transfer of water for spray irrigation during the months November to March inclusive. The proposal is to reduce the annual quantity to 16,500 m³ a year on the licence.

Licence number 2568006066 allows the licence holder R Kinsey Partnership, Peel Hall, Gongar Lane, Ashton, Chester, Cheshire, CH3 8AY to abstract a total of 595.526 m³ of water a day, and a total of 36,368 m³ a year, from the Ashton Brook in Chester. This is between NGRs SJ 487 700 and SJ 500 700. The licence holder can abstract water for spray irrigation all year.

The proposal is to reduce the annual quantity to 26,774 m³ a year on the licence.

Licence number 2569025024 allows the licence holder Knauf Insulation Limited, PO BOX 10, Stafford Road, St Helens, Merseyside, WA10 3NS to abstract a total of 3,273.12 m³ of water a day, and a total of 1,194,688.80 m³ a year, from a reservoir known as Ravenhead Works Dam fed by mine water and local surface drainage from the Alexander Drive Dam. This is at NGR SJ 5030 9450. The licence holder can abstract water for industrial cooling purposes and storing water for firefighting all year.

The proposal is to reduce the annual quantity to 77,748 m³ a year on the licence.

Licence number 2569025077 allows the licence holder Pilkington Properties Limited, The Court, Alexandra Park, Prescot Road, St Helens, WA10 3TT to abstract a total of 909,200 m³ of water a year for evaporative cooling, and a total of 6,364,400 m³ a year for non-evaporative cooling, from St Helens Canal. This is at NGR SJ 5127 9495. The licence holder can abstract water all year.

The proposal is to reduce the total annual quantity to 95,007 m³ a year on the licence.

Licence number 24/67/9/0183/R01 allows the licence holder Grosvenor Estate, Eaton Estate Office, Eccleston, Chester, Cheshire, CH4 9ET to abstract a total of 50 m³ of water a day, and a total of 18,181 m³ a year, from underground strata comprising of Permo-Triassic Sandstone, Coddington, Chester. This is at NGR SJ 45170 54990. The licence holder can abstract water for agriculture other than spray irrigation all year.

The proposal is to reduce the annual quantity to 16,120 m³ a year on the licence.

Licence number 2671315007 allows the licence holder Dunsop Bridge Trout Farm Ltd, Dunsop Bridge, Clitheroe, Lancashire, BB7 3AX to abstract a total of 15,943.08 m³ of water a day, and a total of 5,818,975.32 m³ a year, from the Langden Brook, Langden Bridge. This is at NGRs SD 653 502 and SD 655 500. The licence holder can abstract water for trout breeding all year.

The proposal is to reduce the annual quantity to 2,112,690 m³ a year on the licence.

How to view the proposal

Please contact us via e-mail at OCS_SA@environment-agency.gov.uk to view a copy of the proposal and any other relevant documents.

How to comment on the proposal

If you want to comment on this proposal, email OCS_SA@environment-agency.gov.uk or write to:

Environment Agency (UU Project) FAO. Jude Hoseason Water Resources Permitting and Support Centre

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Your email or letter must quote the relevant licence number(s) above. The Environment Agency must receive your comments by 21 April 2022.

If you have any questions about this notice, phone Kirsty Deavall on 0203 025 2771.

Signed: Jude Hoseason Date: 24 March 2022