

The Environment Agency is proposing to revoke (cancel) or vary (change) the abstraction licence numbers mentioned below to protect the Ant Broads and Marshes Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI), Broad Fen Dilham SSSI, Alderfen Broad SSSI and Smallburgh Fen SSSI part of The Broads Special Area of Conservation (SAC) and Broadland Special Protection Area (SPA).

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

### Details of the proposals

Licence number 7/34/09/\*G/0001 allows the licence holder **Albert Bartlett and Sons (Airdrie) Limited**, New Monkland, 251 Stirling Road, Airdrie, Lanarkshire, ML6 7SP to abstract a total of 2,500 cubic metres (m<sup>3</sup>) of water a day, and a total of 681,900 m<sup>3</sup> a year, from underground strata (chalk) in Worstead, Norfolk. This is at National Grid References (NGRs) TG 29574 25118, TG 29552 25089, TG 29598 25140 and TG 29510 24966. The licence holder can abstract water for the process of manufacture (canned and frozen goods), all year.

Licence number 7/34/09/\*G/0101 allows the licence holder **J.A. Paterson & Co. Limited**, Manor Farm, Chapel Road, Dilham, North Walsham, Norfolk, NR28 9PZ to abstract 5 m<sup>3</sup> of water a day, and 1,700 m<sup>3</sup> a year, for the purpose of agriculture other than spray irrigation and 1,022 m<sup>3</sup> a day, and 43,800 m<sup>3</sup> a year, for the purpose of spray irrigation. Abstraction is authorised from underground strata at Manor Farm, Dilham, North Walsham, at NGR TG 31732 25228. The licence holder can abstract water for the purpose of agriculture other than spray irrigation all year and spray irrigation during the months April and September inclusive.

Licence number 7/34/09/\*G/0139 allows the licence holder Peter Boardman, How Hill Farm, Ludham, Great Yarmouth, Norfolk, NR29 5PG and Nicholas Collier, Pages Farm, How Hill, Ludham, Great Yarmouth, Norfolk, NR29 5PG trading as **P Boardman & N Collier** to abstract a total of 275 m<sup>3</sup> of water a day, and a total of 13,500 m<sup>3</sup> a year, from underground strata at How Hill Farm, Ludham. This is between NGRs TG 37739 18790 and TG 37754 18761 and also TG 37754 18761 and TG 37716 18730. The licence holder can abstract water for agriculture other than spray irrigation during the months April to September inclusive.

Licence number 7/34/09/\*G/0094 allows the licence holder **R & J M Place Limited**, Church Farm, Tunstead, Norwich, Norfolk, NR12 8RQ to abstract a total of 1,200 m<sup>3</sup> of water a day, and a total of 81,800 m<sup>3</sup> a year from underground strata (chalk) at Neatishead, Norfolk. This is at NGR TG 3363 2033. The licence holder can abstract water for spray irrigation during the months of April to September inclusive.

- The proposal is to revoke the four licences above with effect from 1 October 2024.

Licence number 7/34/09/\*G/0086 allows the licence holder **R & J M Place Limited**, Church Farm, Tunstead, Norwich, Norfolk, NR12 8RQ to abstract a total of 1,092 m<sup>3</sup> of water a day, and a total of 70,000 m<sup>3</sup> a year from underground strata (chalk) in Tunstead, Norwich. This is at NGR TG 3127 2231. The licence holder can abstract water for spray irrigation and agriculture (other than spray irrigation) during the months of March to October inclusive.

- The proposal is to vary licence 7/34/09/\*G/0086 to remove the right to abstract 63,600 m<sup>3</sup> a year for the purpose of spray irrigation from 1 October 2024.
- Followed by a separate proposal to revoke licence 7/34/09/\*G/0086 with effect from 1 October 2026.

Licence number 7/34/09/\*G/0045 allows the licence holder **Rumford Limited**, Manor Farm, Chapel Road, Dilham, North Walsham, Norfolk, NR28 9PZ to abstract a total of 3,772 m<sup>3</sup> of water a day, and a total of 100,477 m<sup>3</sup> a year, from underground strata comprising of chalk at Tunstead, Norfolk. This is at NGRs TG 30620 21280 (Point A) and TG 30730 21050 (Point B). The licence holder can abstract 525 m<sup>3</sup> of water a day, and 22,987 m<sup>3</sup> a year from Point A for spray irrigation, all year. The licence holder can abstract 1,964 m<sup>3</sup> of water a day, and 9,000 m<sup>3</sup> a year from Point

B for frost protection during 1 March to 7 June inclusive. The licence holder can abstract 1,283 m<sup>3</sup> of water a day, and 68,490 m<sup>3</sup> a year from Point B for spray irrigation during 1 April to 31 October inclusive and after 1 April 2030, 1 April to 30 September inclusive.

The proposal is to vary the licence in the following ways:

- From 1 October 2024, remove the right to abstract 1,283 m<sup>3</sup> a day and 68,490 m<sup>3</sup> a year from Point B for the purpose of spray irrigation
- From 1 October 2026, remove the right to abstract 525 m<sup>3</sup> of water a day and 22,987 m<sup>3</sup> a year from Point A for the purpose of spray irrigation
- Time limit the licence to expire on 31 March 2030

The Environment Agency has made these proposals as part of a programme to help restore sustainable abstraction and to conserve, and secure the proper use of, water resources.

The Environment Agency has recommended that the proposed licence changes are necessary to protect the water environment from serious damage in accordance with Section 27, Water Act 2003.

## 1. Viewing the proposals

You can inspect a copy of the proposals and any other relevant documents at:

Environment Agency  
Dragonfly House  
Gilders Way  
Norwich  
Norfolk  
NR3 1UB

The office is open from 9am to 5pm Monday to Friday (except bank holidays).

You can also get details of the existing licences from the address above.

Alternatively, please visit Citizen Space on <https://consult.environment-agency.gov.uk/psc/ant-broads-and-marshes-rsa-proposal> to view a copy of the proposals and any other relevant documents.

## 2. Your chance to comment

If you want to comment on these proposals, email [OCS\\_SA@environment-agency.gov.uk](mailto:OCS_SA@environment-agency.gov.uk) or write to:

Environment Agency  
Sustainable Abstraction Team, c/o Sarah Timms  
Operations Catchment Services  
Aqua House  
20 Lionel Street  
Birmingham  
B3 1AQ

Your email or letter must quote Ant Broads and Marshes. The Environment Agency must receive your comments by 10 March 2023.

If you have any questions about this notice, phone Ian Pearson on 0203 025 8399.

Signed: Matt Vale  
Date: 10 February 2023