

The Environment Agency is proposing to revoke (cancel) 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:

License number 29/38/02/0054 allows the license holder SIR T H M PILKINGTON, located at THE BURY, KINGS WALDEN, HITCHIN, HERTFORDSHIRE, SG4 8JU, to abstract water from THAMES GROUNDWATER. This abstraction occurs at multiple points of abstraction:

- (1) At National Grid Reference TL 148 263 (HOO FARM, OFFLEY, HITCHIN) - 2 BOREHOLES
- (2) At National Grid Reference TL 161 240 (KINGS WALDEN, NEAR HITCHEN) - ONE WELL AND ONE BOREHOLE
- (3) At National Grid Reference TL 161 234 (KINGS WALDEN BURY, NEAR HITCHEN) - BOREHOLE

The purpose of abstraction is for General Farming & Domestic use, permitted throughout the year from 1 January to 31 December.

License number 29/38/07/0056 permits the Royal Agricultural Benevolent Institution, located at Shaw House, 27 West Way, Botley, Oxford, Oxfordshire, OX2 0QH, to abstract a total of 163.66 cubic meters (m³) of water a day, and a total of 17,048.00 m³ a year, from THAMES GROUNDWATER. This is at National Grid Reference (NGR) TL 361 161 (MOLES FARM, WARE - BOREHOLE). The license holder can abstract water for General Farming & Domestic, Spray Irrigation - Direct, and Drinking, Cooking, Sanitary, Washing, (Small Garden) - Household purposes, from 1 January to 31 December.

License number 29/38/02/0078 allows the Sue Ryder Foundation, located at Sue Ryder Home, Stagenhoe Park, St Pauls Walden, Hitchin, Hertfordshire, SG4 8BY, to abstract a total of 28.00 cubic meters (m³) of water a day, and a total of 8,410.00 m³ a year, from THAMES GROUNDWATER. This is at National Grid Reference (NGR) TL 185 228 (Sue Ryder Home Borehole at Point A). The license holder can abstract water for General Use Relating to Secondary Category (Medium Loss) purposes, from 1 January to 31 December.

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)
Permitting and Support Centre
Water Resources Team

Quadrant Two
99 Parkway Avenue
Parkway Business Park
Sheffield
S9 4WF

Your email or letter must quote the relevant licence numbers above.
The Environment Agency must receive your comments by 18 April 2024

If you have any questions about this notice, phone Kirsty Deavall on 07824 320140.

Signed: Georgina Snelling
Date: 21 March 2024