

The Environment Agency is proposing to vary sections 37 and 38 of an alternative statutory provision, namely the Leeds and Liverpool Canal Act 1891, the rights and obligations under which are now vested in Canal and River Trust.

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 (as amended by section 22 of the Water Act 2003) and regulation 31 of the Water Resources (Abstraction and Impounding) Regulations 2006.

This alternative statutory provision allows the Canal and River Trust, of the National Waterways Museum Ellesmere Port, South Pier Road, Ellesmere Port, Cheshire, CH65 4FW to impound the following waters by means of Winterburn Reservoir: Heber Beck, Bordley Beck, Bracken Pot Gill, Lainger Beck, Hetton Common Beck, Long Gill Beck, Whetstone Gill, Park Gill, Way Gill and Winterburn Beck. This is between National Grid References (NGR) SD 94577 60110 and SD 94383 60130.

The rights and obligations of the Act are now vested in Canal and River Trust Canal and River Trust, of the National Waterways Museum Ellesmere Port, South Pier Road, Ellesmere Port, Cheshire, CH65 4FW.

The proposal is to vary the 1891 Act, under section 25(7) of the Water Resources Act 1991, to:

- Remove the words ‘...the Winterburn Reservoir and of...’ in the second line of section 37, so that the authority to impound the Winterburn Reservoir is now given by conditions 1-3 of the attached draft variation
- Replace section 38 and sub-sections (1)-(7) thereof with conditions 4.1 -4.3 of the attached draft variation
- Add the provision in condition 4.4 of the attached draft variation
- Replace section 38(3) with the said condition 4.4.

1. Viewing the proposal

A copy of the proposals, the alternative statutory provision, maps, plans and any other documents prepared in connection with it can be inspected free of charge at the address of the Environment Agency at **Lateral, 8 City Walk, Leeds, LS11 9AT** during normal office hours (Monday - Friday, except bank holidays) or please email AEPYorkshireandNE@environment-agency.gov.uk for a copy of the proposals. The office is open from 9am to 5pm Monday to Friday (except bank holidays).

2. Your chance to object/comment

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

Integrated Environmental Planning Team,
Environment Agency,
Lateral House,
8 City Walk,
Leeds,
LS11 9AT

Your email or letter must quote reference number: YORKs52Winterburn

The Environment Agency must receive your objection/comments by 25 September 2025.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Claire Dickinson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a small flourish at the end.

Claire Dickinson
Yorkshire Area Integrated Environment Planning Team Leader

30 July 2025