

The Environment Agency is proposing to vary (change) licence number 14/46/004/0685, held by Mr M R Fursdon.

The Environment Agency is required to give notice of this proposal. The Environment Agency give this notice in line with 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 licence allows the licence holder:

Mr. M F Fursdon,  
Waterleat Lodge,  
Widdecombe-in-the-Moor,  
Newton Abbot,  
Devon,  
TQ13 7PN

to abstract a total of 0.8 cubic metres (m<sup>3</sup>) per second, 69,120.0 cubic metres (m<sup>3</sup>) of water a day, and a total of 16,054,984.0 cubic metres (m<sup>3</sup>) a year, from the West Webburn River in the area of Widdecombe-in-the-Moor. This is at National Grid Reference (NGR) SX 700 749. The licence holder can abstract water for Power Supply.

The proposal is to vary (change) the licence and add the following conditions:

- A hands-off flow of (HoF) of 0.146m<sup>3</sup>/s (Q95) added to the licence.
- A 35% take condition above HoF added to the licence.
- Maximum instantaneous abstraction remains at 0.80m<sup>3</sup>/s.
- When the flow upstream of the weir is below the HoF of 0.146m<sup>3</sup>/s, abstraction is restricted to a sweetening flow of 20l/s.
- When the flow upstream of the weir is < 40l/s, all flow should be directed to the river.
- Means of controlling and measuring the abstraction at the head of the leat.
- 6mm permanent screen at head of leat condition added.
- Tail race screen (max 25mm bar spacing) to be added as a licence condition.
- Addition of a time limit to the licence in line with the Catchment Assessment Management Strategies Common End Date (CAMS CED).

## **1. Viewing the proposal**

You can inspect a copy of the proposal and any other relevant documents, free of charge at:

Integrated Environmental Planning Team,  
Environment Agency  
Operations Catchment Services  
Manley House,  
Kestrel Way, Sowton Industrial Estate,  
Exeter  
Devon,  
EX2 7LQ

The office is open from 9am to 5pm Monday to Friday (except bank holidays) or please email: [OCS\\_SA@environment-agency.gov.uk](mailto:OCS_SA@environment-agency.gov.uk)

## **2. Your chance to object**

If you want to object to this proposal, email [OCS\\_SA@environment-agency.gov.uk](mailto:OCS_SA@environment-agency.gov.uk) or write to:

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Your email or letter must quote reference number: DCISOldWallss52

The Environment Agency must receive your objection by 6 February 2026

If you have any queries relating to this process please contact the EA office on email [OCS\\_SA@environment-agency.gov.uk](mailto:OCS_SA@environment-agency.gov.uk) and we will be able to help you.

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