

UNITED UTILITIES WATER LIMITED

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR A DROUGHT PERMIT

TAKE NOTICE that due to the threat of a serious water shortage in the part of its water supply area served by Delph Reservoir caused by an exceptional shortage of rain, United Utilities Water Limited ("the Company") is applying to the Environment Agency for a drought permit under Section 79A of the Water Resources Act 1991.

The proposed drought permit, which is intended to apply for 6 months, will allow the Company to reduce the compensation flow to Eagley Brook via Delph Brook from 3.7 MI/d to 1 MI/d. A reduced flow to Eagley Brook will result in more water being retained in Delph Reservoir. This will help to conserve the water available for abstraction and guarantee a minimum compensation flow.

A drought permit is therefore being sought for Delph Reservoir from the Environment Agency. If granted, the permit will enable more water to be retained within the reservoir. This will result in a decreased rate of drawdown during the drought and will thus prolong the period during which the Company can maintain the lower compensation flow to Eagley Brook. Furthermore, at the end of the drought period this reduced drawdown level resulting from the drought permit will expedite a return to normal water levels in the reservoir and thus flows within Eagley Brook.

In consultation with the Environment Agency and other bodies, including Natural England, the Company has carried out comprehensive environmental assessments into the potential impact of the proposed permit.

Anyone may inspect the proposals, free of charge, during normal working hours at:-

Horwich Library, Jones Street, Horwich, Bolton BL6 7AJ. 01204 332348
United Utilities Water Limited, Haweswater House, Lingley Mere Business Park, Lingley Green Avenue, Great Sankey, Warrington WA5 3LP. 01925 679800
United Utilities Water Limited, Great House Information Centre, Rivington Lane, Rivington, Lancashire BL6 7SB. 01204 691549
Environment Agency, Central Area Office, Lutra House, Dodd Way, Walton Summit, Bamber Bridge, Preston PR5 8BX. 03708 506 506

for a period of 8 days from the date of this Notice.

Objections may be made in writing to the Environment Agency at Permitting Support Centre, Water Resources, PO Box 4209, Sheffield, S9 9BS or by email to PSC-WaterResources@environment-agency.gov.uk. Objections should be made immediately and in any event no later than 5pm on 7th August 2018. Objectors may send a copy of their objection to the undersigned.

Dated 31st July 2018

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