

Dwr Cymru Cyfyngedig

Water Resources Act 1991 (as amended by the Water Act 2003)

Notice under section 51 of the Water Resources Act 1991 (as amended by section 21 of the Water Act 2003).

Notice is hereby given that applications have been made to Natural Resources Wales by Dwr Cymru Cyfyngedig to vary seven full licences to abstract water, serial numbers 20/56/13/17, 20/56/21/34, 20/56/22/0027, 20/56/41/0007, 20/56/44/16, 20/56/45/0011 and 20/56/54/0001. These licences authorise the abstraction of water within the River Usk catchment at the National Grid References given below.

These licences currently allow the Licence Holder to abstract the following quantities for the purpose of public water supply:

Licence Number	Current Authorised Quantities	National Grid Reference
20/56/13/17	68,190,000 cubic metres per year	ST 33 99
20/56/21/34	3,220 cubic metres per hour 77,282 cubic metres per day 28,285,212 cubic metres per year	ST 39 97
20/56/22/0027	318,220 cubic metres per day 68,190,000 cubic metres per year	SO 37 02
20/56/41/0007	72,736 cubic metres per day 26,550,000 cubic metres per year	SO 10 21
20/56/44/16	327 cubic metres per hour 5,770 cubic metres per day 2,110,545 cubic metres per year	SO 03 29
20/56/45/0011	327 cubic metres per hour 5,770 cubic metres per day 2,110,545 cubic metres per year	SO 03 29
20/56/54/0001	Point A: 40,914 cubic metres per day 13,274,320 cubic metres per year Point B: 2,018.4 cubic metres per day 663,716 cubic metres per year	SN 82 29 SN 83 29

The proposed licence variations are summarised in the following table:

Licence Number	Licence modification
20/56/13/17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Formalise the recording of reservoir storage volume. Effective from 31/12/2018.

20/56/21/34	<p>Effective from 1/01/2019:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The daily volume of water to be abstracted on any day to be taken over a minimum period of 20 consecutive hours. • Reduce the aggregated daily licensed quantity for licences 20/56/21/34 and 20/56/22/0027 based on the flow at Trostrey weir Gauging Station, storage in Llandegfedd Reservoir and the time of year. • Enable the abstraction of regulation releases, made from the Usk Reservoir, capped at 50,000 cubic metres per day between licences 20/56/21/34 and 20/56/22/0027. • Insert an abstraction intake fish screening condition.
20/56/22/0027	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update the existing regulation release condition to take account of the abstraction of regulation releases under licences 20/56/44/16 and 20/56/45/0011 at Brecon. <p>Effective from 1/01/2019:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The daily volume of water to be abstracted on any day to be taken over a minimum period of 20 consecutive hours. • Reduce the aggregated daily licensed quantity for licences 20/56/21/34 and 20/56/22/0027 based on the flow at Trostrey weir Gauging Station, storage in Llandegfedd Reservoir and the time of year. • Update the existing regulation releases condition capping abstraction of regulation water at 50,000 cubic metres per day between licences 20/56/21/34 and 20/56/22/0027. • Enable maintenance flushing of the transfer pipe taking abstracted water to Llandegfedd Reservoir. • Insert an abstraction intake fish screening condition.
20/56/41/0007	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • State the reservoir maximum daily release that can be made, taking into account all the water releases that can be made. Effective from 31/12/2018.
20/56/44/16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduce the aggregated daily licensed quantity for licences 20/56/44/16 and 20/56/45/0011 based on the flow at Trostrey weir Gauging Station. • Enable the abstraction of regulation releases, made from the Usk Reservoir, capped at 2,724 cubic metres per day between licences 20/56/44/16 and 20/56/45/0011.
20/56/45/0011	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduce the aggregated daily licensed quantity for licences 20/56/44/16 and 20/56/45/0011 based on the flow at Trostrey weir Gauging Station. • Enable the abstraction of regulation releases, made from the Usk Reservoir, capped at 2,724 cubic metres per day between licences 20/56/44/16 and 20/56/45/0011.
20/56/54/0001	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enable the release of regulation water to support abstraction under licences 20/56/44/16 and 20/56/45/0011. <p>Effective from 1/01/2019:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Formalise the release of regulation water to support abstraction under licences 20/56/21/34 and 20/56/22/0027. • State the reservoir maximum daily release that can be made, taking into account all the water releases that can be made.

The River Usk is an internationally and nationally protected river, this includes being designated as a Special Area of Conservation (SAC) and a Site of Special Scientific Interest. These licence variations are being made as part of a programme to improve the riverine environment and restore sustainable abstraction under the Habitats Directive Review of Consents process for the River Usk SAC. They will also help the Licence Holder meet their obligations under the Habitats Directive. We support the applications.

The Licence Holder is making these applications voluntarily and is entitled to do so under section 51 of the Water Resources Act 1991 (as amended).

You can request a digital copy of the applications, free of charge, by contacting nrp.southeast@cyfoethnaturiolcymru.gov.uk

If you wish to comment on the applications you must do so in writing, quoting the name of the applicant and the relevant licence number(s) from the tables above to Natural Resources Wales at:

Natural Resources Planning East (Water Resources)
Natural Resources Wales
Rivers House
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St Mellons
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or by email to nrp.southeast@cyfoethnaturiolcymru.gov.uk

by no later than 20 February 2017.

Normally we must put any responses we receive on the public register. Please tell us if you don't want your details to be public. For further information please see the consultations section of our website <https://naturalresources.wales/about-us/consultations/?lang=en> or call our Customer Care Centre 0300 0653000 (Mon-Fri, 9am-5pm).

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