

# **SOUTHERN WATER SERVICES LIMITED**

## **NOTICE OF MAKING OF A DROUGHT ORDER – SUSSEX NORTH AND SUSSEX COAST**

### **PROHIBITION OR LIMITATION ON THE USE OF WATER**

TAKE NOTICE that on 25 May 2006, the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs has, in exercise of powers contained in sections 73(1) and 74(2)(b) of, and Schedule 8 to, the Water Resources Act 1991 made The Southern Water Services (Sussex North and Sussex Coast) (Non-Essential Use) Drought Order 2006 ("the Drought Order").

The Drought Order authorises Southern Water Services Limited ("Southern Water") of Southern House, Yeoman Road, Worthing, West Sussex, BN13 3NX, to prohibit or limit the use of water within its supply areas of Sussex North (which includes the towns of Horsham and Crawley) and Sussex Coast (which includes the towns of Worthing and Brighton together with the rural areas of the South Downs from the River Arun in the West to the River Ouse in the East) for any of the purposes specified in the Drought Order, being the purposes set out in the Drought Direction 1991 (with a modification that the restrictions shall not apply to the filling of ornamental ponds that are wildlife garden ponds). The Drought Order shall come into force on 26 May 2006 and cease to have effect on 25 November 2006. A location plan showing the affected area is attached to the Drought Order.

The Drought Order does not itself place any restrictions on the use of water. However, Southern Water will, by further notice to be published at the appropriate time in one or more local newspapers, notify affected persons of the implementation of the powers under the Drought Order (including which categories of use it will be prohibiting or limiting, and when such prohibitions or limitations will be coming into force).

Anyone may inspect a copy of the Drought Order and location plan, free of charge, at Southern Water's offices at Southern House, Yeoman Road, Worthing, West Sussex, BN13 3NX during normal office hours.

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