

**WATER RESOURCES ACT 1991 (AS AMENDED) – SECTION 43**

**THE WATER RESOURCES (ABSTRACTION AND IMPOUNDING) REGULATIONS  
2006**

**Abstraction Licence Appeals Ref:**

APP/WAT/640 7/34/09/\*G/0094  
APP/WAT/641 7/34/09/\*G/0152  
APP/WAT/645 7/34/09/\*G/0001  
APP/WAT/647 7/34/09/\*G/0045  
APP/WAT/648 7/34/09/\*G/0101  
APP/WAT/655 7/34/09/\*G/0094  
APP/WAT/656 7/34/09/\*G/0086

**PRE INQUIRY MEETING TO BE HELD VIA TEAMS AT 10.00 ON MONDAY 18th  
MARCH.**

**AGENDA**

1. Introduction by the Inspector
2. Purpose of the Pre-Inquiry Meeting (PIM)
3. Means by which the Inquiry will proceed, notification of the appeal and site notice
4. Consideration of how the evidence will to be dealt with (see attached)
5. Inquiry venue, running order, duration and programme
6. Other procedural matters
7. Management of appeal documents and how they can be accessed digitally.
8. Site visit
9. A.O. B.

## **Preliminary Main Issues**

Is the Agency's methodology for assessing groundwater capacity and availability for abstraction soundly based?

Has it been soundly applied?

Has the Agency's approach in relation to each of the licence applications been necessary, justified and proportionate ?

Would to do otherwise result in serious damage ?

### **Proposed order of proceeding at the Inquiry**

Day 1 – opening statements by EA, Place and Bartlett and Rumford and Paterson  
Then

#### **ENVIRONMENT AGENCY’S CASE:**

All witnesses in turn:

- (a) evidence-in-chief (Ian Pearson, Rob Soley (WSP) -NEAC Modelling Work, Elliot Kenyon-Pain, Natural England)
- (b) cross-examination by advocate for Place and Bartlett
- (c) cross-examination by advocate for Rumford and Paterson
- (d) questions by Inspector
- (e) re-examination

#### **TECHNICAL CASE FOR PLACE AND BARTLETT:**

In turn [repeated for each subsequent witness] :

- (a) evidence-in-chief of professional witnesses (Mike Harding (Ecologist), Dr Tim Grapes (Hydrologist), Rep from Groundwater Science, Dr Steve Moncaster (Hydrologist))
- (b) cross-examination by EA
- (c) questions by Inspector
- (d) re-examination

#### **TECHNICAL CASE FOR RUMFORD AND PATERSON:**

In turn [repeated for each subsequent witness] :

- (a) evidence-in-chief of professional witnesses (Robert Hutchinson (Ecologist) Andrew Alston (Management Consultant))
- (b) cross-examination by EA
- (c) questions by Inspector
- (d) re-examination

#### **CASE FOR EACH OBJECTOR**

In turn [repeated for each subsequent witness] :

- (a) evidence-in-chief of each objector (Mr Place, Mr Murray, Messrs Paterson ? )
- (b) cross-examination by EA
- (c) questions by Inspector
- (d) re-examination