



Water Resources Forum

Date: Thursday 27 October 2016

Time 10.00am to 3.00pm – Coffee will be available from 10:00, with the meeting starting at 10:30.

Venue: Novotel, 3 Kingdom Street, Sheldon Square, London, W2 6BD. A map is provided below to help you find the venue.

Agenda

10:00 Registration and coffee

10:30 Welcome and introduction

10:40 Understanding the views of our customers

It is important that we understand the preferences and priorities of customers, and ensure these inform decision making on our future plans for water resources. We have completed deliberative research with our customers, seeking their views on planning for a resilient water supply, potential options to manage future supply and aspects to consider in making these decisions. Britain Thinks will join us and we will share the results of this research and set out our next steps.

12:30 Lunch

13:15 Drought Plan

We have updated our Drought Plan. This is our operational plan for managing supply and demand in a drought. In preparing the Plan we have considered more severe droughts in line with recent guidance, this is a new approach for drought planning. Once we have received approval from Defra, we will publish the draft Plan for consultation. We will share the findings of this work and seek your comments.

13.45 Update on demand management and supply options

In October we held a technical stakeholder meeting to discuss the potential options to manage demand for water, and to provide new resources. We also sought views on our proposed shortlist of options. We will provide highlights from this work, set out feedback received from stakeholders at the meeting, and our responses to this.

14:15 Round up of other developments

- WaterUK study to consider long term planning for water resources - The report from the study was published in September 2016. We will provide an update of the main conclusions.
- Achieving sustainable abstraction – The EA has developed a revised approach to managing the risk of deterioration caused by abstraction, we are assessing the potential implications of this.

14.45 General questions and discussion

15.00 Meeting Close

How to find the Hotel Novotel, Paddington, London

Walking from Paddington Station: Head towards the Hammersmith & City underground line running adjacent to platform 8. Once out of the station, bear left and follow the signs towards Sheldon Square and Kingdom Street. Follow the waterline until you reach Starbucks, at which point turn left. On the far side of Sheldon Square you will see Kingdom Street with the Novotel at the end (signage visible from this point).

