
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1973 No. 1664

WATER RESOURCES, ENGLAND AND WALES
The Croydon Water Order 1973

Made - - - 1st October 1973
Laid before Parliament 11th October 1973
Coming into Operation 1st November 1973

The Secretary of State for the Environment, in exercise of powers conferred by section 133 of the Water Resources Act 1963(a) and now vested in him(b) and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf, hereby orders as follows:—

1.—(1) This order may be cited as the Croydon Water Order 1973 and shall come into operation on 1st November 1973. Citation and commencement.

(2) The Croydon Water Acts and Orders 1884 to 1968 and this order may be cited together as the Croydon Water Acts and Orders 1884 to 1973.

2. Section 3 of the River Wandle Protection Act 1908(c) as amended by the Croydon Water Order 1968(d) is hereby amended by deleting the proviso thereto and substituting therefor the following:— Section 3 of River Wandle Protection Act 1908 amended.

“Provided that until 13th May 1976 the Corporation shall be at liberty to extract from the Waddon Wells eighty million gallons of water in every period of thirty days.”

Geoffrey Rippon,
Secretary of State for the Environment.

1st October 1973.

(a) 1963 c. 38.
(c) 1908 c. cx.

(b) S.I. 1970/1681 (1970 III, p. 5551).
(d) S.I.1968/1669

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Order.)

In 1908 it was considered necessary, in order to protect the flow of the River Wandle, to limit the abstraction of water from boreholes near the springs from which the river is partly fed. This was effected by the River Wandle Protection Act 1908 which prohibited the abstraction of more than fifty million gallons in any thirty days from these boreholes, known in the Act as Waddon Wells.

Since that date the control of the abstraction of water and the protection of water resources have passed to the appropriate River Authority. The Conservators of the River Thames, who are the River Authority concerned, granted a licence in 1968 to the Croydon Corporation permitting them to abstract up to eighty million gallons in any thirty day period until 12th May 1973, and section 3 of the Act was amended by The Croydon Water Order 1968 to conform with the licence. The Conservators have now granted a variation of the licence giving the Corporation leave to abstract up to the same amount for a further three years. This order amends section 3 of the Act to take account of this variation of the licence.

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