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WATER, ENGLAND AND WALES

**The Thames Water Authority (Waddon Wells)
Order 1981**

<i>Made - - - -</i>	<i>3rd March 1981</i>
<i>Laid before Parliament</i>	<i>17th March 1981</i>
<i>Coming into Operation</i>	<i>14th May 1981</i>

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 Thames Water Authority (Waddon Wells) Order 1981 and shall come into operation on 14th May 1981.

Citation and commencement.

(2) This order shall be included among the enactments which may be cited together as the Thames Water Authority Orders 1974 to 1981.

2. Section 3 of the River Wandle Protection Act 1908(c) as amended by the Croydon Water Order 1968(d) the Croydon Water Order 1973(e) and the Thames Water Authority (Waddon Wells) Order 1976(f) is hereby further amended by the substitution, for the words “13th May 1981” in the proviso thereto, of the words “13th May 1986.”

Section 3 of River Wandle Protection Act 1908 amended.

Michael R. D. Heseltine,
Secretary of State for
the Environment.

3rd March 1981.

(a) 1963 c.38.
(c) 1908 c. cx.
(e) S.I. 1973/1664.

(b) S.I. 1970/1681.
(d) S.I. 1968/1669.
(f) S.I. 1976/608.

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 50 million gallons in any 30 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 water authority, in this case the Thames Water Authority.

From time to time increases in the amount of water authorised to be abstracted from the Waddon Wells have been made, the latest being in 1976 when abstraction up to 80 million gallons in every period of 30 days (an amount already authorised in 1973 for a period of 3 years) was permitted to continue until 13th May 1981. The Authority have now varied their licence so that this abstraction may continue until 13th May 1986 and this order amends section 3 of the Act to conform with the licence as so varied.

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