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**Sent on:** Thursday, July 31, 2025 5:10:08 PM

**To:** Undisclosed recipients;;

**Subject:** FW from EA: Belmont Drought Order - change of application date

**Urgent:** High

Dear partners,

We (the Environment Agency) are currently in the process of applying for a Drought Order at Belmont Reservoir in Bolton. As part of this application, we must notify local stakeholders and partners.

We have made a decision to delay our application to allow more time to better understand impacts, monitoring, and mitigation. We now intend to apply on the 15<sup>th</sup> August and an advert will be published in the Bolton News and London Gazette. Upon application the documents relating to the drought order will be available to view at Horwich Library, the local Environment Agency office (Lutra House) in Preston and online. Public consultation will be between 15<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> August.

We will continue to keep you updated as we progress.

Please circulate this amongst your local networks.

Many thanks,

Andrea.

**Irwell Catchment Coordinator**

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 25 July 2025 16:00  
**Subject:** Forwarded from EA: Belmont Drought Order  
**Importance:** High

Dear partners,

We (the Environment Agency) are currently in the process of applying for a Drought Order at Belmont Reservoir in Bolton. As part of this application, we must notify local stakeholders and partners.

We currently anticipate that we will apply for the drought order on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> August, though please note this date may change depending on further rainfall. An advert will be published in the Bolton News approximately 1 week before we apply for the drought order. Upon application the documents relating to the drought order will be available to view at Horwich Library and the local Environment Agency office (Lutra House) in Preston.

Please circulate this amongst your local networks.

Many thanks,  
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