

Mrs L Buttery
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Date: 19th July 2019

Milton Damerel Parish Council and Sutcombe Parish Council

Dear Mrs Buttery,

You are listed as the Clerk for both Milton Damerel Parish Council and Sutcombe Parish Council, if you could please pass the below information to both councils that would be appreciated. If you require an additional copy of this letter please contact AEPWESSEX@environment-agency.gov.uk

Act now: People in your Parish may need a licence to continue abstracting water in a previously exempt area.

We are writing to all Parish Councils in areas that were previously exempt from the need for a licence to abstract water. We would be grateful if you could raise this issue at your next meeting to make people in your Parish aware they may need to need to make an application and thereby secure the benefit of the Transitional Regulations (2017) that end on the 31 December 2019. Time is running short to secure this important requirement to continue abstracting.

How do people know if they need to apply for a licence?

New regulations came into effect to improve the management of water resources and protection of the environment. Certain exemptions that previously allowed the use of water from ground or surface water sources without the need for a licence have been removed, as have previously exempt areas. We think people in your Parish may be affected by these changes and this letter is to make them aware of the process that they must follow to continue legally abstracting water if they take more than 20m³ per day (4,399 Gallons per day).

Please can you make people aware of the enclosed advice note so they can find out about the changes and confirm if they are impacted or not. It could be put on a village noticeboard or in a library or other community space to allow as many people as possible to read it.

When do people need to apply by?

A validated application must be submitted and accepted before the 31 December 2019. Our advice is to apply for a licence as soon as possible. The applications need to be checked and validated by us before we can accept them. We anticipate a peak in applications close to the deadline and we cannot guarantee that we would be able to check and validate those received within 3 months of 31 December 2019. For business certainty we recommend people submit their application well before