

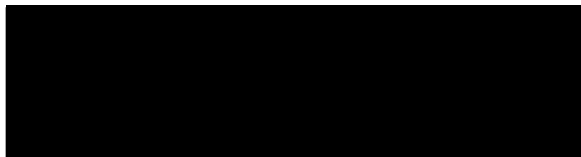


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I confirm that the Environment Agency, East Anglia Area, support the principle of constructing winter fill reservoirs to collect water during periods of high river flow/water level through the winter. The abstracted water can be stored in reservoirs and used to irrigate high value vegetable crops during the drier summer months.

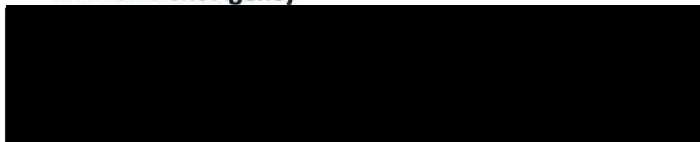
The Environment Agency control when water is taken for the reservoirs by the issuing of abstraction licences. Winter fill licences only allow for the abstraction of water during periods of high river flow/water level when surface water has reached a certain point in rivers and drains to allow for abstraction while also keeping enough water in the rivers and drains to protect local habitat. This process helps the Environment Agency to manage water levels in periods of river flow/water level during the winter when abstraction is most sustainable and makes best use of it for producing high quality high value crops and can help protect against unwanted flooding.

Many Thanks,



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