STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1976 No. 608

WATER, ENGLAND AND WALES

The Thames Water Authority (Waddon Wells) Order 1976

Made - - - -	*15th April* 1976
Laid before Parliament	*23rd April* 1976
Coming into Operation	*14th May* 1976

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:—

Citation and commencement.

1.—(1) This order may be cited as the Thames Water Authority (Waddon Wells) Order 1976 and shall come into operation on 14th May 1976.

(2) The Thames Water Authority Orders 1974 and 1975 and this order may be cited together as the Thames Water Authority Orders 1974 to 1976.

Section 3 of River Wandle Protection Act 1908 amended.

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

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State 15th April 1976.

John Silkin,
Minister for Planning and Local Government,
Department of the Environment.

(a) 1963 c. 38.
(b) S.I. 1970/1681 (1970 III, p. 5551).
(c) 1908 c. cx.
(d) S.I. 1968/1669.
(e) S.I. 1973/1664.

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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 water authority, in this case the Thames Water Authority. The Conservators of the River Thames, who were the predecessors of the water authority, 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 subsequently granted a variation of the licence giving the Corporation leave to abstract up to the same amount for a further three years. The Croydon Water Order 1973 amended section 3 of the Act to take account of that variation of the licence, and the Thames Water Authority, who inherited the benefit of the licence, have now granted a further variation of the licence. Section 3 of the Act therefore requires the further amendment provided for by this order, so as to conform with the licence.

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