

# Notes on presentation by STW to Parishioners of Derwent and Hope Woodlands Parish on 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2023

These notes are in the order that the presentation, with questions, was delivered and so may not be in a logical order.

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STW are under a contract to divert 25% of Upper Derwent Valley’s water to Yorkshire Water

The Project is still in it’s feasibility stage and there is very little information available for the public domain.

The Gate 2 paper will be published on the STW website after it goes to RAPID in July 2023. We will not find out any information any sooner than the general public. There will be five options.

Gate 3 establishes the need for consultations with stakeholders. Gate 3 lasts for two years.

The Discretionary Blight Policy is being brought forward and will be in place by this Summer which is in advance of when STW are legally obliged to establish it. This policy will enable parishioners to sell their houses to STW – currently the UDVRE has effectively made it impossible for private housing around the dams to be sold. There was no confirmation of how such houses would be valued.

The UDVRE project would be covered by a DCO which is a Development Consent Order. STW would be able to bypass normal planning and consultation laws and purchase whatever land and property they deemed necessary. A DCO would be applied for in early 2026.

STW is considering constructing brand new haulage routes to bring in materials etc. This would also be covered by a DCO.

185 mega litres is the amount of new raw water STW want to store. Leakage is 135 mega litres. Installing water metres apparently saves 20%. Therefore, if water meters were installed in every home and leaks were mended, a new dam would not be required. STW could cease exporting water to Yorkshire Water when the contract ends.

Many parishioners are deeply concerned that householders will not know if their homes are affected until Gate 3 which is another two years away.

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