

Dear Councillor,

I wish to bring to your attention the difficulties we are currently experiencing with regard to supplying water to the Howth Area.

The three reservoirs serving the Howth Area have dropped to a critically low level over recent days despite there being no decrease in the supply of water going into the reservoirs from our distribution network. As a result of this, it will be necessary to throttle the water supply in the area during off-peak hours this evening and possibly over the next few days depending on how quickly the reservoir levels can recover.

The dramatic decrease in the reservoir levels we believe is as a direct result of increased demand on water by consumers in the area which can be attributed to the recent spell of good weather. We are appealing to consumers in the area to **conserve water as much as possible and only to use water for essential purposes.**

We are posting messages on our website, twitter and on Aertel page 624, but it would also be helpful to us if you could assist us in getting this message out to the residents in the Howth area. I can't stress enough to you how critical the water situation is in the Howth area at the moment and would be fearful that if demand does not reduce substantially we are in danger of losing some of the reservoirs serving the area.

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