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Dear Consultee,

Proposal to remove Instow from the list of designated bathing waters

1. I am writing to invite views on a proposal to remove Instow from the list of bathing waters under the Bathing Water Regulations (S.I.2013/1675) on the basis that it is technically infeasible to improve the water quality at this site to the minimum standard required by the Regulations.
2. The following documents may be found on Defra's website:
<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/bathing-waters>
 - Consultation document, including:
 - Annex A: list of consultees
3. We welcome your views and comments on the proposal. If you wish to obtain a copy of this consultation please contact:

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Email: bathingwater@defra.gsi.gov.uk
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Responses

4. Please submit your consultation response in one of the following ways:
 - By completing the consultation questionnaire provided through Citizen Space (Citizen Space is an online consultation tool);
 - By email to bathingwater@defra.gsi.gov.uk;
 - By post to the Bathing Water Team at the address above.



5. Responses should be received by **9 May 2017**.

Consultation Criteria

6. This consultation is in line with the Consultations Principles. This can be found at <http://www.cabinetoffice.gov.uk/resource-library/consultation-principles-guidance>

Confidentiality and data protection

1. A summary of responses to this consultation will be published and placed on the Government website at: www.gov.uk/defra.
2. The summary will include a list of names and organisations that responded but not personal names, addresses or other contact details. Information provided in response to this consultation document, including personal information, may be subject to publication or release to other parties or disclosure in accordance with the access to information regimes i.e. the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA), the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 (EIRs) and the Data Protection Act 1998 (DPA).
3. Copies of responses will be made available to the public on request. If you want information that you have provided, including personal data such as your name, to be treated as confidential, please explain clearly in writing when you provide your response to the consultation why you need to keep these details confidential. If we receive a request for disclosure under the FOIA or the EIRs we will take full account of your explanation, but we cannot provide an assurance that confidentiality can be maintained in all circumstances. However, Defra will not permit any unwarranted breach of confidentiality nor will we act in contravention of our obligations under the DPA. An automatic confidentiality disclaimer generated by your IT system will not, by itself, be regarded as a confidentiality request.
4. Defra is the data controller in respect of any personal data that you provide, and Defra's Personal Information Charter, which gives details of your rights in respect of the handling of your personal data, can be found at: <https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-for-environment-food-rural-affairs/about/personal-information-charter>.
5. This consultation is being conducted in line with the "Consultation Principles" as set out in the Better Regulation Executive guidance which can be found at: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/consultation-principles-guidance>.
6. If you have any comments or complaints about the consultation process, please address them to:

Consultation Co-ordinator

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8th Floor, Nobel House

17 Smith Square,

London SW1P 3JR.

Or email: consultation.coordinator@defra.gsi.gov.uk.

Thank you for your help in this matter. If you have any queries, please contact the Bathing Water Team as detailed above.

Yours faithfully,

Tracy Westell

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