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Purpose of this consultation

Through this consultation, Defra is seeking as wide a range of views as possible to support our decision on whether the 27 proposed sites should be added to the list of designated bathing waters in England, in line with the requirements of the Bathing Water Regulations 2013 and the application criteria and evidence requirements published at [Bathing waters: apply to designate or de-designate - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](http://www.gov.uk). This consultation document summarises the evidence that has been provided by the applicant for each site.

Background

Popular beaches and inland waters that attract a large number of bathers are designated as bathing waters under the Bathing Water Regulations 2013 (S.I.2013/1675) ('the Regulations').

Designating a site as a bathing water means the site will benefit from a new programme of water quality monitoring by the Environment Agency (the 'EA'), with a focus on working with partners collaboratively to identify any pollution sources and to put in place actions to address these issues, bringing social, economic, leisure and health benefits. Defra welcomes designation of bathing water sites to help communities improve the quality of water at these sites.

During the bathing season, which in England runs from 15 May to 30 September, the EA monitors water quality for intestinal enterococci and *E. coli* (among other substances). Bathing waters are classified annually as 'excellent', 'good', 'sufficient' or 'poor', based on the EA assessment of the level of bacteria in the water over the preceding four years.

Bathing water monitoring measures the level of bacteria and other substances set out in the Regulations but does not imply that the area is safer than any other water body. The objective of the Regulations is to drive improvement to water quality at sites where people swim, by putting in place duties on the EA, local authorities, sewerage undertakers and others to investigate pollution incidents at bathing water sites so that remedial measures can be put in place, and encouraging collaboration around these issues.

The Regulations define a bathing water as a surface water where '... the Secretary of State expects a large number of people to bathe, having regard in particular to past trends and any infrastructure or facilities provided, or other measures taken, to promote bathing at those waters' (reg. 3(1)). Designation also takes into account any facilities and infrastructure that are provided to promote bathing because the presence of these demonstrates that the site is an established bathing area and is promoted and managed for bathing.

Under the Bathing Water Regulations 2013, the local authority must display public information about water quality and pollution sources at designated bathing waters during the bathing season. The information displayed is provided to the authority by the EA.

Defra provides guidance to people and organisations applying for bathing water designation and requires that the application provides information on the number of bathers, the facilities provided and the local consultation run by the applicant: [Bathing waters: apply for designation or de-designation - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/bathing-waters-apply-for-designation-or-de-designation)

Proposals for bathing water designation

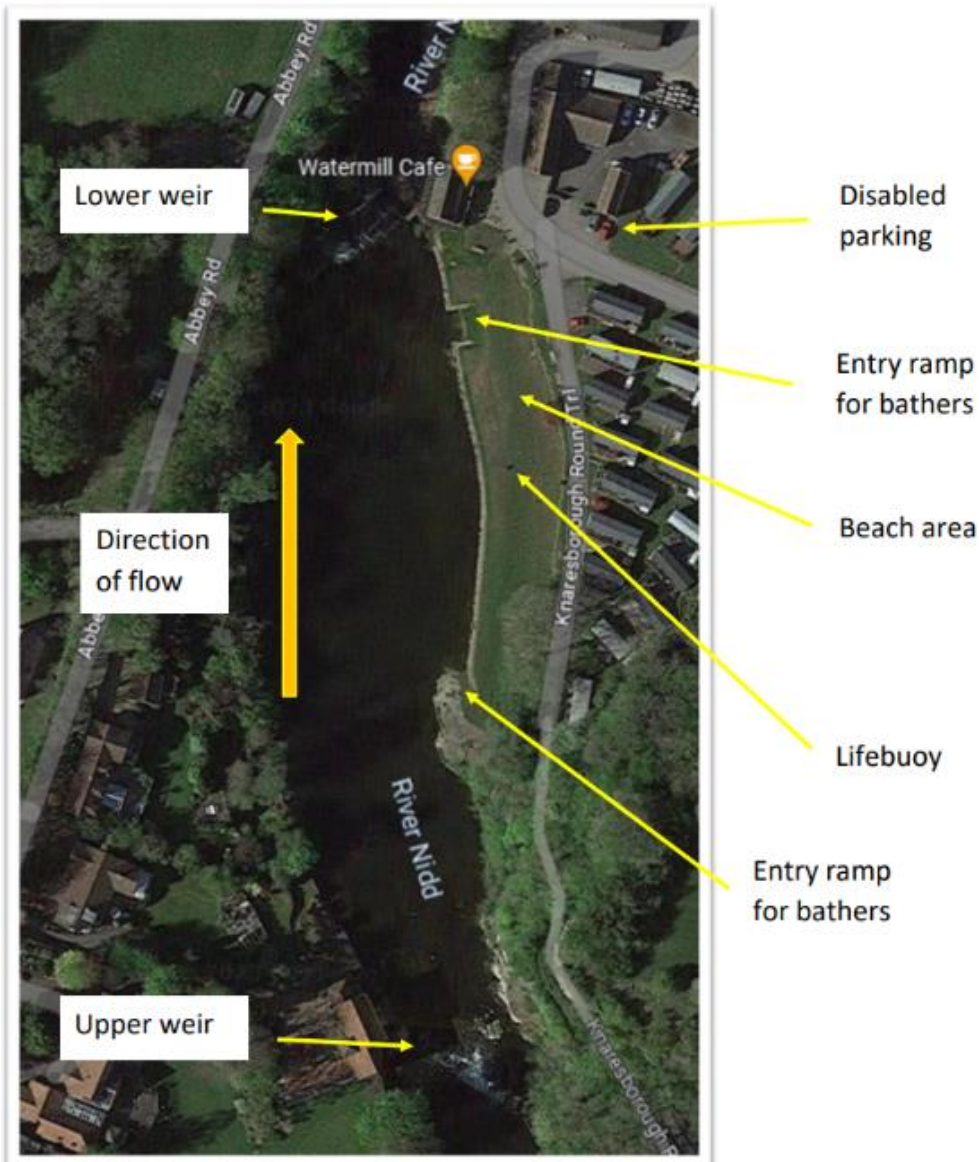
River Nidd at Knaresborough

Andrew Jones MP has applied for an area of the River Nidd at Knaresborough to be designated as a bathing water. This consultation sets out our summary of the application and seeks your views on the proposal to designate this site as a bathing water.

Location

The proposed site, highlighted in Image A, is located in Knaresborough, North Yorkshire. The land is owned and managed by the Lido Leisure Park. The address for the site is Lido Leisure Park, Wetherby Road, Knaresborough, HG5 8LR. The OS grid reference for the site is SE361559.

Image A:



If the site is designated as a bathing water, the EA will determine a sampling point on the basis of where the largest number of bathers go into the water. The annual classification would reflect bathing water quality at this point.

User surveys

Defra's guidance on applying for a new bathing water designation asks applicants to carry out user surveys on 2 days during the bathing season. For a site to be eligible for designation, it must be used by an average of at least 100 bathers a day during the bathing season. The applicant has provided a survey of usage taken over 2 days: 11 June and 9 September 2023.

The breakdown of numbers reported over 2 counts was:

- 207 bathers on 11 June
- 344 bathers on 9 September

This gives an average per count (rounded to the nearest whole number) of:

- 276 bathers

Facilities

The facilities that are available near to the site include:

- toilets in a local business premises which are open to bathers
- car parking
- litter bins
- cafés
- pub

Local consultation

Applicants must run a consultation to get views from local people, businesses and organisations about the proposed designation. The consultation must be open during the bathing season in the same year that the application is submitted, for at least 6 weeks. The applicant held a local consultation to gather views on the proposal to apply for bathing water designation at this site. The consultation was carried out for 6 months. There were 378 respondents. All supported the proposal.

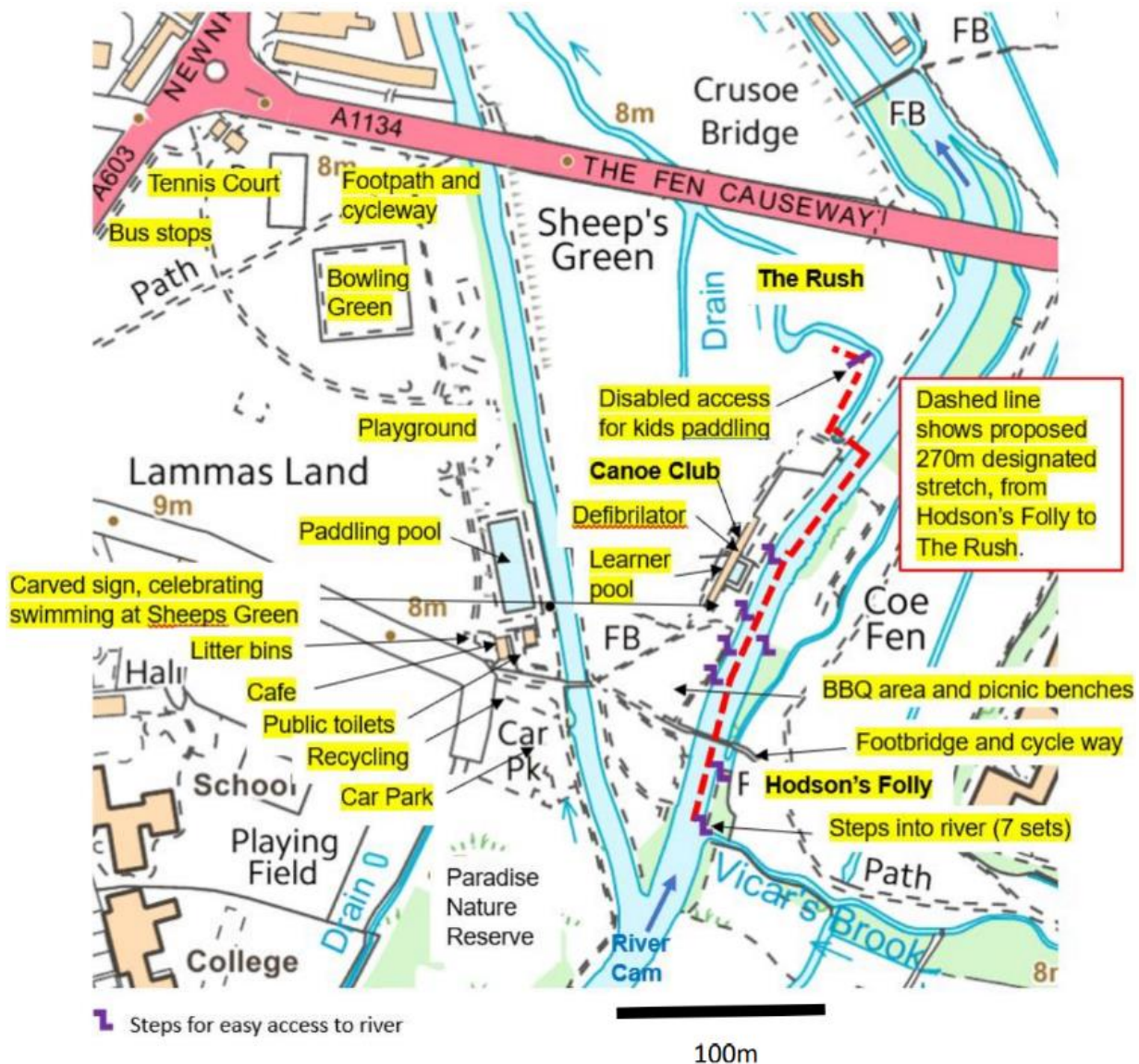
River Cam at Sheep's Green

Cam Valley Forum has applied for an area of the River Cam at Sheep's Green in Cambridge to be designated as a bathing water. This consultation sets out our summary of the application and seeks your views on the proposal to designate this site as a bathing water.

Location

The proposed site, highlighted in Image B, is located in Cambridge, Cambridgeshire. The land is owned and managed by Cambridge City Council. The address for the site is Sheep's Green, Cambridge, CB3 9PA.

Image B:



If the site is designated as a bathing water, the EA will determine a sampling point on the basis of where the largest number of bathers go into the water. The annual classification would reflect bathing water quality at this point.

User surveys

Defra's guidance on applying for a new bathing water designation asks applicants to carry out user surveys on 2 days during the bathing season. For a site to be eligible for designation, it must be used by an average of at least 100 bathers a day during the bathing season. The applicant has provided a survey of usage taken over 2 days: 10 August and 9 September 2023.

The breakdown of numbers reported over 2 counts was:

- 237 bathers on 10 August
- 478 bathers on 9 September

This gives an average per count (rounded to the nearest whole number) of:

- 358 bathers

Facilities

The facilities that are available near to the site include:

- public toilets
- car parking
- bicycle parking
- defibrillator
- picnic tables
- barbecue area

Local consultation

Applicants must run a consultation to get views from local people, businesses and organisations about the proposed designation. The consultation must be open during the bathing season in the same year that the application is submitted, for at least 6 weeks. The applicant held a local consultation to gather views on the proposal to apply for bathing water designation at this site. The consultation was carried out for 10 weeks. There were 517 respondents. 479 respondents supported the proposal. 33 respondents opposed and 5 neither supported nor opposed the proposal.

Coniston Boating Centre, Coniston Water

Coniston Parish Council has applied for Coniston Boating Centre, an area of Coniston Water, to be designated as a bathing water. This consultation sets out our summary of the application and seeks your views on the proposal to designate this site as a bathing water.

Location

The proposed site, highlighted in Image C, is located at Coniston Water, Lake District, Cumbria. The land is owned and managed by the Lake District National Park Authority. The address for the site is Coniston Boating Centre, Lake Road, Coniston, LA21 8AN. The OS grid reference for the site is SD 3088 9705.

Image C:



If the site is designated as a bathing water, the EA will determine a sampling point on the basis of where the largest number of bathers go into the water. The annual classification would reflect bathing water quality at this point.

User surveys

Defra's guidance on applying for a new bathing water designation asks applicants to carry out user surveys on 2 days during the bathing season. For a site to be eligible for designation, it must be used by an average of at least 100 bathers a day during the

bathing season. The applicant has provided a survey of usage taken over 2 days: 2 September and 9 September 2023.

The breakdown of numbers reported over 2 counts was:

- 149 bathers on 2 September
- 271 bathers on 9 September

This gives an average per count (rounded to the nearest whole number) of:

- 210 bathers

Facilities

The facilities that are available near to the site include:

- public toilets
- car parking
- picnic table
- café

Local consultation

Applicants must run a consultation to get views from local people, businesses and organisations about the proposed designation. The consultation must be open during the bathing season in the same year that the application is submitted, for at least 6 weeks. The applicant held a local consultation to gather views on the proposal to apply for bathing water designation at three sites, including this one. The consultation was carried out for 6 weeks. There were 20 respondents. All supported the proposal.

The breakdown of numbers reported over 2 counts was:

- 129 bathers on 2 September
- 134 bathers on 9 September

This gives an average per count (rounded to the nearest whole number) of:

- 132 bathers

Facilities

The facilities that are available near to the site include:

- public toilets
- car parking
- life belt

Local consultation

Applicants must run a consultation to get views from local people, businesses and organisations about the proposed designation. The consultation must be open during the bathing season in the same year that the application is submitted, for at least 6 weeks. The applicant held a local consultation to gather views on the proposal to apply for bathing water designation at three sites, including this one. The consultation was carried out for 6 weeks. There were 20 respondents. All supported the proposal.

Monk Coniston, Coniston Water

Coniston Parish Council has applied for Monk Coniston, an area of Coniston Water, to be designated as a bathing water. This consultation sets out our summary of the application and seeks your views on the proposal to designate this site as a bathing water.

Location

The proposed site, highlighted in Image E, is located at Coniston Water, Lake District, Cumbria. The land is owned and managed by the Lake District National Park Authority. The OS grid reference for the site is SD 3159 9780.

Image E:



If the site is designated as a bathing water, the EA will determine a sampling point on the basis of where the largest number of bathers go into the water. The annual classification would reflect bathing water quality at this point.

User surveys

Defra's guidance on applying for a new bathing water designation asks applicants to carry out user surveys on 2 days during the bathing season. For a site to be eligible for designation, it must be used by an average of at least 100 bathers a day during the

bathing season. The applicant has provided a survey of usage taken over 2 days: 2 September and 9 September 2023.

The breakdown of numbers reported over 2 counts was:

- 158 bathers on 2 September
- 164 bathers on 9 September

This gives an average per count (rounded to the nearest whole number) of:

- 161 bathers

Facilities

The facilities that are available near to the site include:

- public toilets
- car parking
- life belt
- picnic tables

Local consultation

Applicants must run a consultation to get views from local people, businesses and organisations about the proposed designation. The consultation must be open during the bathing season in the same year that the application is submitted, for at least 6 weeks. The applicant held a local consultation to gather views on the proposal to apply for bathing water designation at three sites, including this one. The consultation was carried out for 6 weeks. There were 20 respondents. All supported the proposal.

River Frome at Farleigh Hungerford

Farleigh and District Swimming Club has applied for an area of the River Frome at Farleigh Hungerford to be designated as a bathing water. This consultation sets out our summary of the application and seeks your views on the proposal to designate this site as a bathing water.

Location

The proposed site, highlighted in Image F, is located in Farleigh Hungerford, near Bath, Somerset. The land is owned and managed by Stowford Manor Farm. The address for the site is Farleigh Hungerford, Bath, BA2 7RS. The OS grid reference for the site is ST 80518 57683 - ST 80580 57731.

Image F:



If the site is designated as a bathing water, the EA will determine a sampling point on the basis of where the largest number of bathers go into the water. The annual classification would reflect bathing water quality at this point.

User surveys

Defra's guidance on applying for a new bathing water designation asks applicants to carry out user surveys on 2 days during the bathing season. For a site to be eligible for designation, it must be used by an average of at least 100 bathers a day during the bathing season. The applicant has provided a survey of usage taken over 2 days: 10 August and 5 September 2023.

The breakdown of numbers reported over 2 counts was:

- 102 bathers on 10 August
- 135 bathers on 5 September

This gives an average per count (rounded to the nearest whole number) of:

- 119 bathers

Facilities

The facilities that are available near to the site include:

- toilets available to bathers
- car parking
- changing spaces

Local consultation

Applicants must run a consultation to get views from local people, businesses and organisations about the proposed designation. The consultation must be open during the bathing season in the same year that the application is submitted, for at least 6 weeks. The applicant held a local consultation to gather views on the proposal to apply for bathing water designation at this site. The consultation was carried out for 5 months. There were 47 respondents. 46 respondents supported the proposal and 1 did not support the proposal.

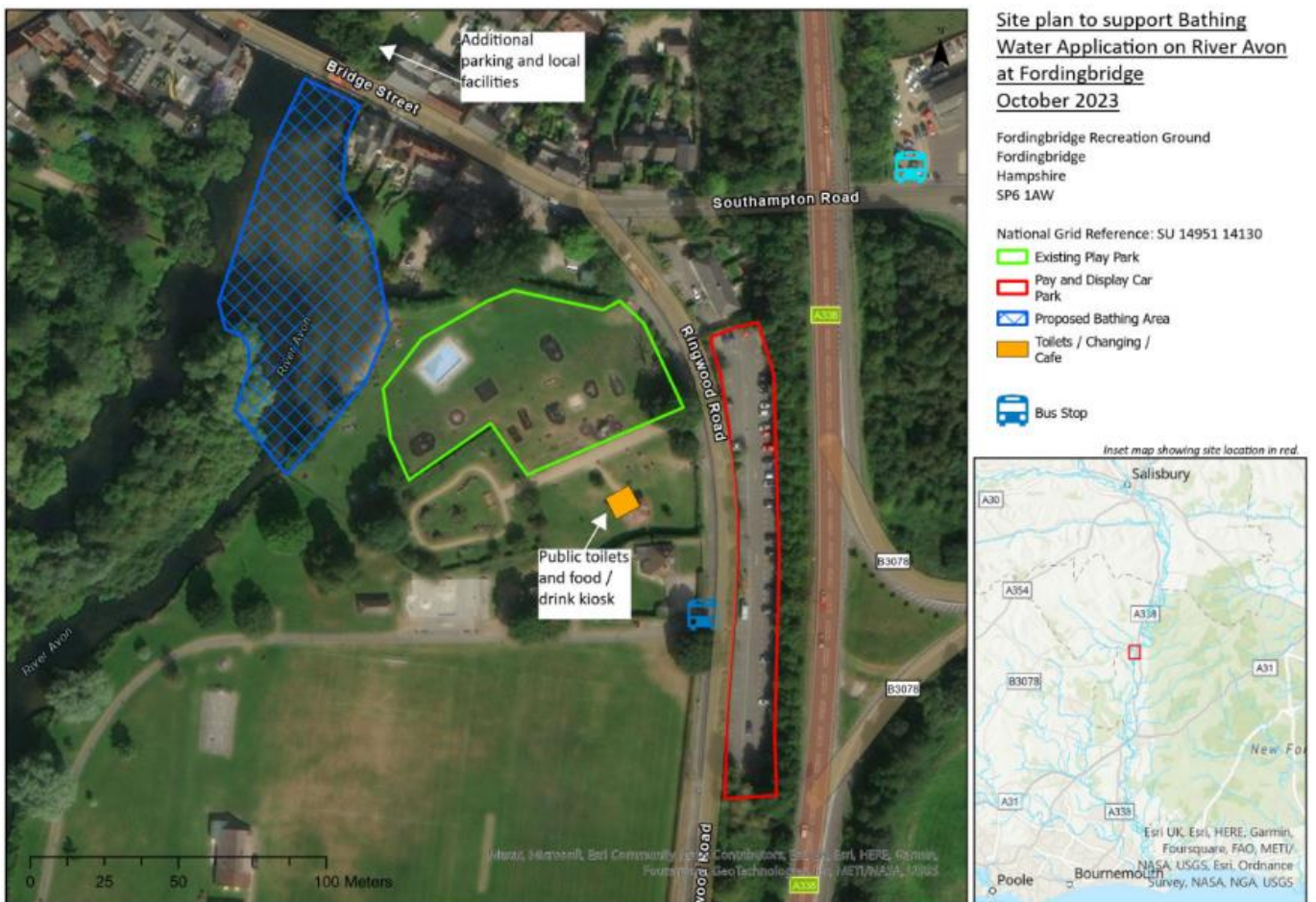
River Avon at Fordingbridge

Fordingbridge Avon Bathing has applied for an area of the River Avon at Fordingbridge to be designated as a bathing water. This consultation sets out our summary of the application and seeks your views on the proposal to designate this site as a bathing water.

Location

The proposed site, highlighted in Image G, is located in Fordingbridge, Hampshire. The land is owned and managed by Fordingbridge Town Council. The address for the site is Recreation Ground, Ringwood Road, Fordingbridge, SP6 1AN. The OS grid reference for the site is SU 14960 14122.

Image G:



If the site is designated as a bathing water, the EA will determine a sampling point on the basis of where the largest number of bathers go into the water. The annual classification would reflect bathing water quality at this point.

User surveys

Defra's guidance on applying for a new bathing water designation asks applicants to carry out user surveys on 2 days during the bathing season. For a site to be eligible for designation, it must be used by an average of at least 100 bathers a day during the bathing season. The applicant has provided a survey of usage taken over 2 days: 20 August and 9 September 2023.

The breakdown of numbers reported over 2 counts was:

- 130 bathers on 20 August
- 231 bathers on 9 September

This gives an average per count (rounded to the nearest whole number) of:

- 181 bathers

Facilities

The facilities that are available near to the site include:

- public toilets
- car parking
- cafés

Local consultation

Applicants must run a consultation to get views from local people, businesses and organisations about the proposed designation. The consultation must be open during the bathing season in the same year that the application is submitted, for at least 6 weeks. The applicant held a local consultation to gather views on the proposal to apply for bathing water designation at this site. The consultation was carried out for 12 weeks. There were 546 respondents. 534 respondents supported the proposal. 8 respondents opposed and 4 neither supported nor opposed the proposal.

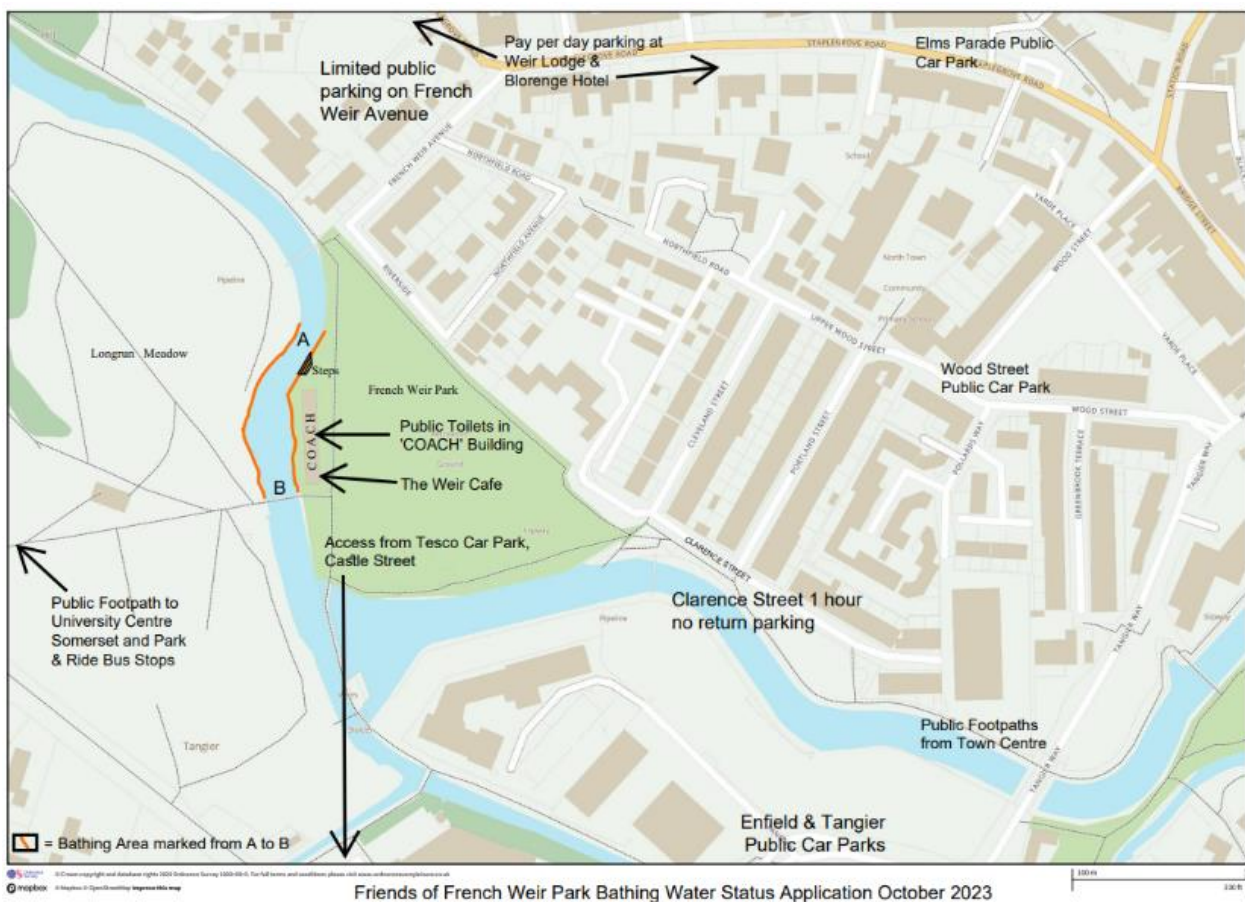
River Tone at French Weir Park

Friends of French Weir Park have applied for an area of the River Tone at French Weir Park to be designated as a bathing water. This consultation sets out our summary of the application and seeks your views on the proposal to designate this site as a bathing water.

Location

The proposed site, highlighted in Image H, is located in Taunton, Somerset. The land is owned and managed by Taunton Town Council. The address for the site is French Weir Park, Taunton, TA1 1XF.

Image H:



If the site is designated as a bathing water, the EA will determine a sampling point on the basis of where the largest number of bathers go into the water. The annual classification would reflect bathing water quality at this point.

User surveys

Defra's guidance on applying for a new bathing water designation asks applicants to carry out user surveys on 2 days during the bathing season. For a site to be eligible for designation, it must be used by an average of at least 100 bathers a day during the

bathing season. The applicant has provided a survey of usage taken over 2 days: 2 September and 9 September 2023.

The breakdown of numbers reported over 2 counts was:

- 130 bathers on 2 September
- 299 bathers on 9 September

This gives an average per count (rounded to the nearest whole number) of:

- 215 bathers

Facilities

The facilities that are available near to the site include:

- public toilets
- car parking
- disabled parking space
- public transport
- defibrillator
- first aid kit
- litter bins
- changing spaces (by arrangement)
- café
- supermarket

Local consultation

Applicants must run a consultation to get views from local people, businesses and organisations about the proposed designation. The consultation must be open during the bathing season in the same year that the application is submitted, for at least 6 weeks.

The applicant held a local consultation to gather views on the proposal to apply for bathing water designation at this site. The consultation was carried out for 11 weeks. There were 199 respondents. Of these, 198 supported, 0 opposed and 1 neither supported nor opposed the proposal.

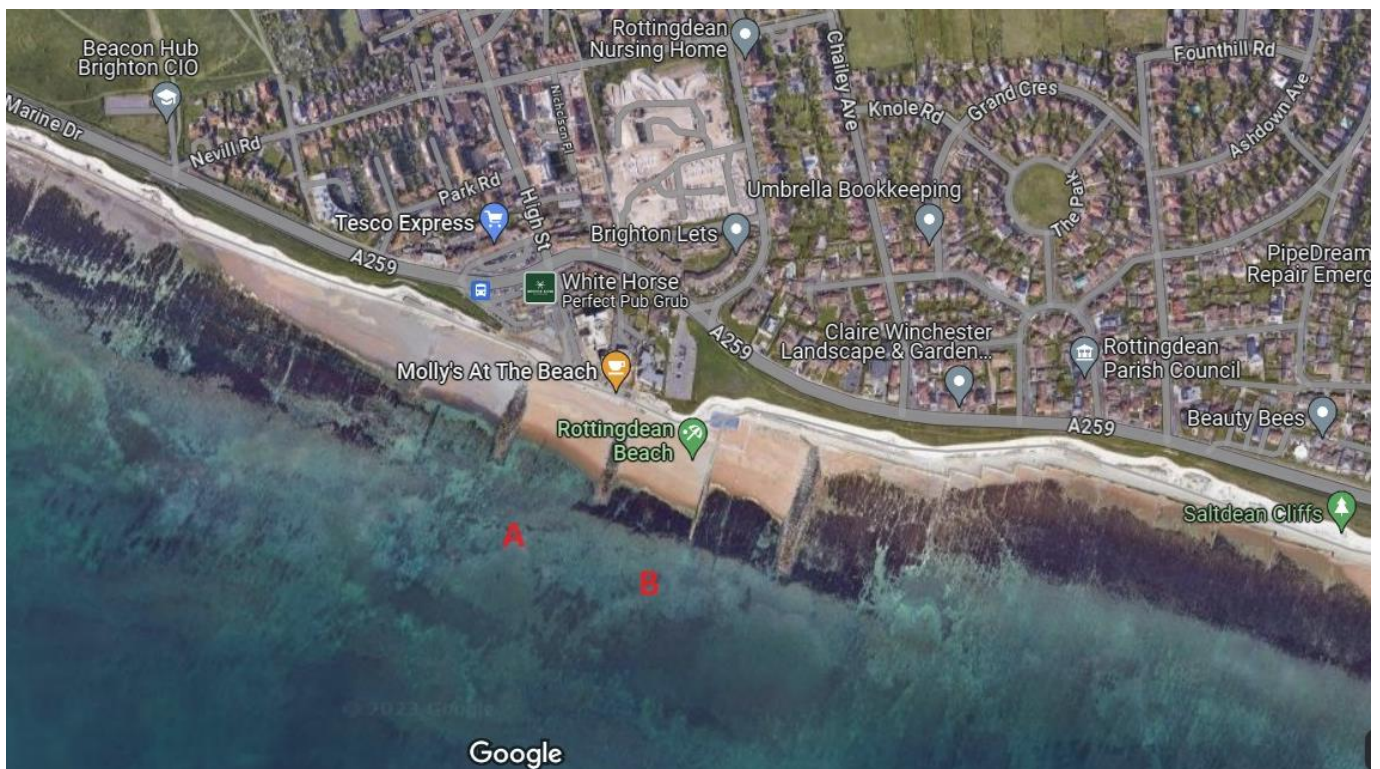
Rottingdean Beach

A local group, Friends of Rottingdean Coast and Environment have applied for an area of Rottingdean Beach to be designated as a bathing water. This consultation sets out our summary of the application and seeks your views on the proposal to designate this site as a bathing water.

Location

The proposed site, highlighted in Image I, is located at Rottingdean Beach, East Sussex. The land is owned and managed by Brighton and Hove City Council. The address for the site is Rottingdean Bathing Beach, Undercliff Walk, Rottingdean Village. The nearest postcode is BN2 7AZ. The OS grid reference for the site is TQ3702102063.

Image I:



If the site is designated as a bathing water, the EA will determine a sampling point on the basis of where the largest number of bathers go into the water. The annual classification would reflect bathing water quality at this point.

User surveys

Defra's guidance on applying for a new bathing water designation asks applicants to carry out user surveys on 2 days during the bathing season. For a site to be eligible for designation, it must be used by an average of at least 100 bathers a day during the bathing season.

The applicant has provided a survey of usage taken over 2 days: 20 August and 10 September 2023.

The breakdown of numbers reported over 2 counts was:

- 262 bathers on 20 August
- 121 bathers on 10 September

This gives an average per count (rounded to the nearest whole number) of:

- 192 bathers

Facilities

The facilities that are available near to the site include:

- public toilets
- car parking
- public transport
- lifeguard station (during school summer holidays)
- swim buoys
- litter bins
- recycling bins
- baby changing facilities
- outdoor cold-water shower
- cafés
- restaurants
- bars
- shops (with swimming supplies)

Local consultation

Applicants must run a consultation to get views from local people, businesses and organisations about the proposed designation. The consultation must be open during the bathing season in the same year that the application is submitted, for at least 6 weeks. The applicant held a local consultation to gather views on the proposal to apply for bathing water designation at this site. The consultation was carried out for 7 weeks. There were 53 respondents. All supported the proposal. As the applicant did not consult farming businesses locally as part of the local consultation, which is one of the requirements in the published bathing waters application guidance, we have written to the applicant to ask them to publicise the national consultation to farming contacts and networks in the area and to provide any responses they receive to Defra by the time the consultation closes.

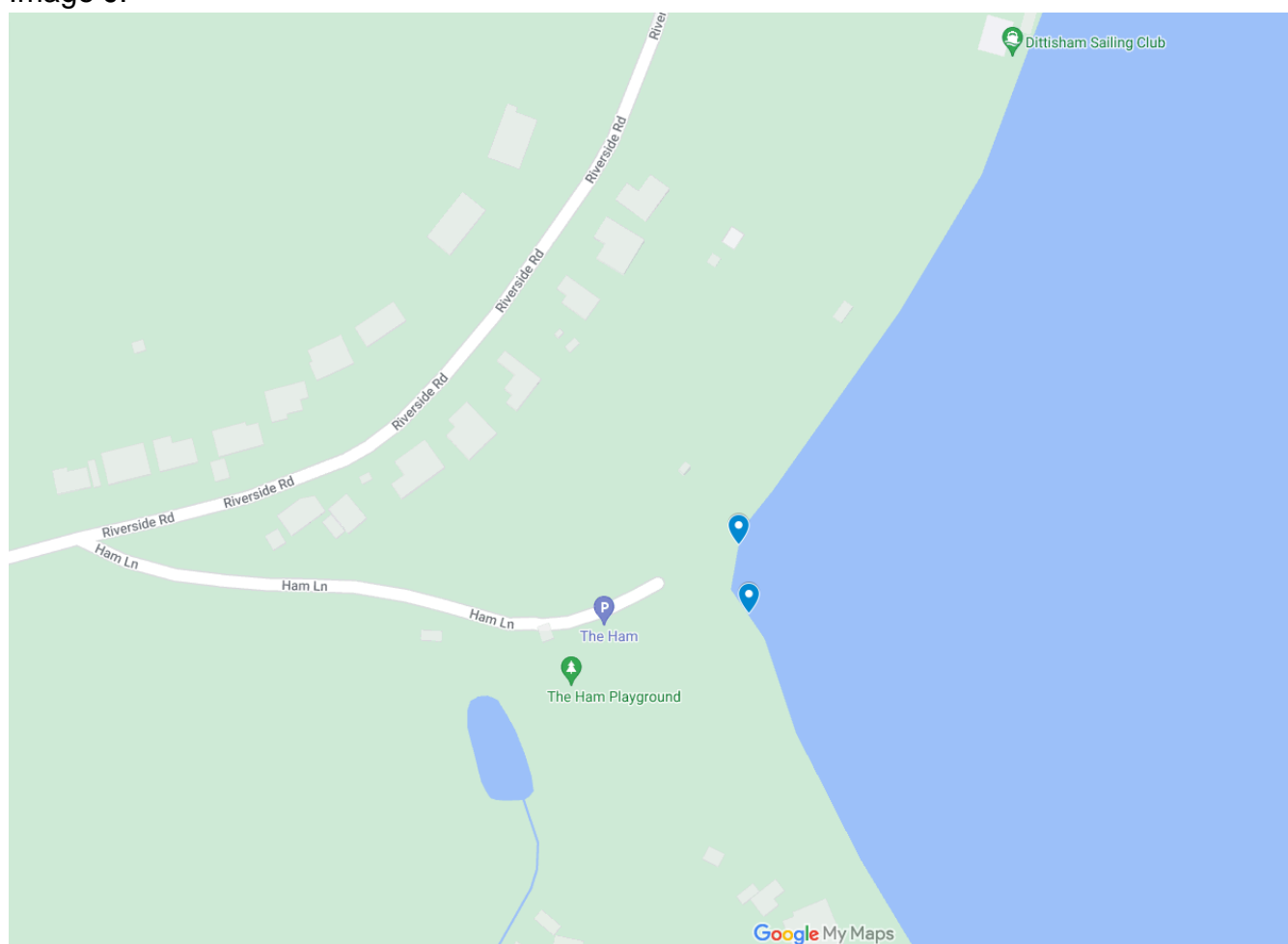
River Dart Estuary at Dittisham

A local group, Friends of the Dart, has applied for an area of the River Dart at Dittisham to be designated as a bathing water. This consultation sets out our summary of the application and seeks your views on the proposal to designate this site as a bathing water.

Location

The proposed site, shown between the two location markers in Image J, is located in Dittisham, Devon. The land is owned and managed by Dart Harbour authority and Dittisham Parish Council. The address for the site is The Ham, Dittisham, TQ6 OHS.

Image J:



If the site is designated as a bathing water, the EA will determine a sampling point on the basis of where the largest number of bathers go into the water. The annual classification would reflect bathing water quality at this point.

User surveys

Defra's guidance on applying for a new bathing water designation asks applicants to carry out user surveys on 2 days during the bathing season. For a site to be eligible for

designation, it must be used by an average of at least 100 bathers a day during the bathing season.

The applicant has provided a survey of usage taken over 2 days: 3 September and 10 September 2023.

The breakdown of numbers reported over 2 counts was:

- 206 bathers on 3 September
- 437 bathers on 10 September

This gives an average per count (rounded to the nearest whole number) of:

- 322 bathers

Facilities

The facilities that are available near to the site include:

- public toilets
- car parking
- litter bins
- café
- pub

Local consultation

Applicants must run a consultation to get views from local people, businesses and organisations about the proposed designation. The consultation must be open during the bathing season in the same year that the application is submitted, for at least 6 weeks. The applicant held a local consultation to gather views on the proposal to apply for bathing water designation at four sites, including this one. The consultation was carried out for 5 months. There were 7,031 respondents. 7,030 respondents supported and 1 opposed the proposal.

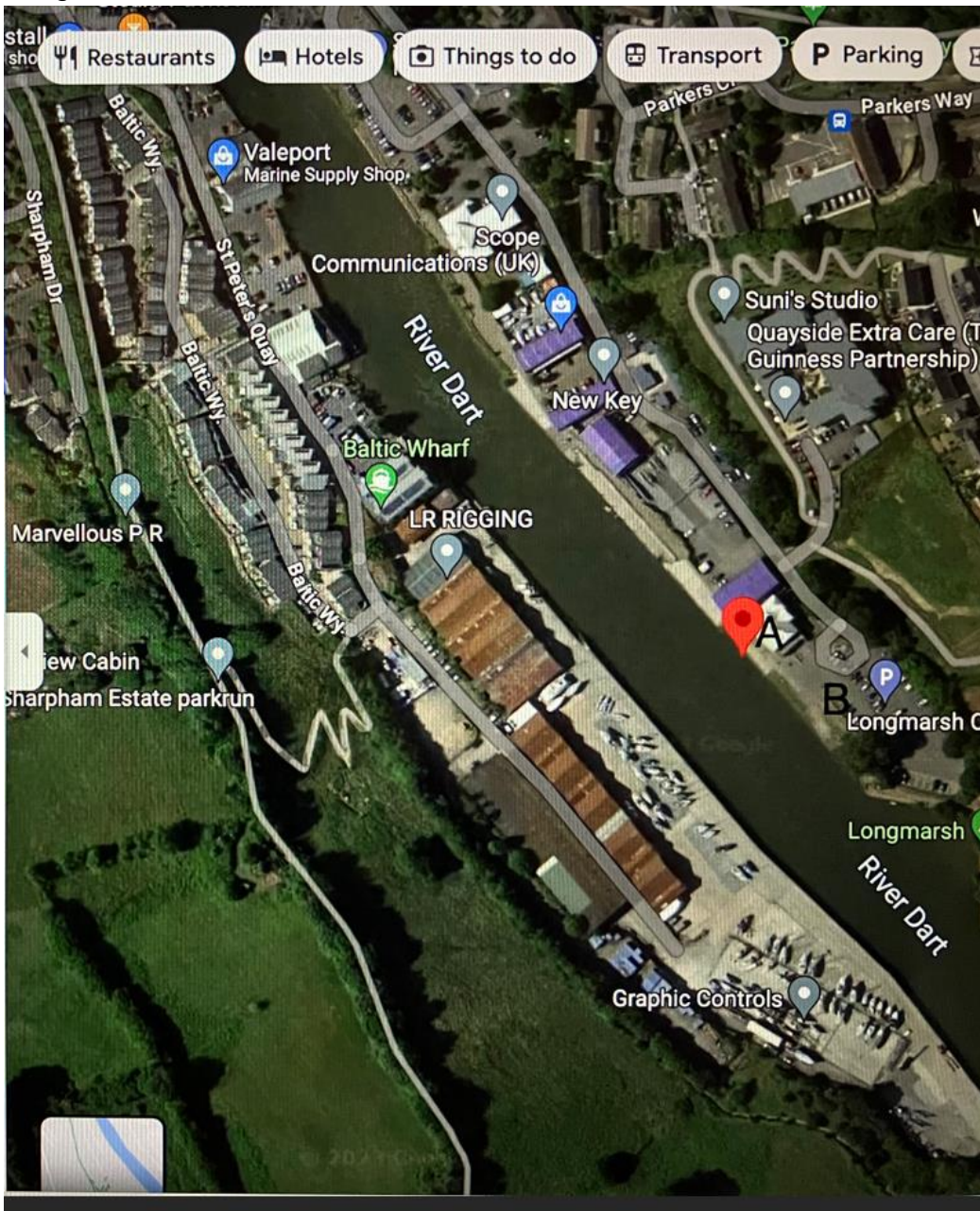
River Dart Estuary at Steamer Quay, Totnes

A local group, Friends of the Dart, has applied for an area of the River Dart at Steamer Quay, Totnes to be designated as a bathing water. This consultation sets out our summary of the application and seeks your views on the proposal to designate this site as a bathing water.

Location

The proposed site, shown from points A to B in Image K, is located in Steamer Quay, Totnes, Devon. The land is owned and managed by the Dart Harbour Authority. The address for the site is Steamer Quay, Totnes, TQ9 5AL.

Image K:



If the site is designated as a bathing water, the EA will determine a sampling point on the basis of where the largest number of bathers go into the water. The annual classification would reflect bathing water quality at this point.

User surveys

Defra's guidance on applying for a new bathing water designation asks applicants to carry out user surveys on 2 days during the bathing season. For a site to be eligible for designation, it must be used by an average of at least 100 bathers a day during the bathing season. The applicant has provided a survey of usage taken over 2 days: 10 June and 6 August 2023.

The breakdown of numbers reported over 2 counts was:

- 175 bathers on 10 June
- 148 bathers on 6 August

This gives an average per count (rounded to the nearest whole number) of:

- 162 bathers

Facilities

The facilities that are available near to the site include:

- public toilets
- car parking
- litter bins
- café

Local consultation

Applicants must run a consultation to get views from local people, businesses and organisations about the proposed designation. The consultation must be open during the bathing season in the same year that the application is submitted, for at least 6 weeks. The applicant held a local consultation to gather views on the proposal to apply for bathing water designation at four sites, including this one. The consultation was carried out for 5 months. There were 7,031 respondents. 7,030 respondents supported and 1 opposed the proposal.

River Dart Estuary at Stoke Gabriel

A local group, Friends of the Dart, has applied for an area of the River Dart at Stoke Gabriel to be designated as a bathing water. This consultation sets out our summary of the application and seeks your views on the proposal to designate this site as a bathing water.

Location

The proposed site, shown from points A to B in Image L, is located in Stoke Gabriel, Devon. The land is owned and managed by a private individual/member of the public Dart Harbour Authority. The address for the site is Mill Point, Stoke Gabriel, Totnes, TQ9 6FX.

Image L:



If the site is designated as a bathing water, the EA will determine a sampling point on the basis of where the largest number of bathers go into the water. The annual classification would reflect bathing water quality at this point.

User surveys

Defra's guidance on applying for a new bathing water designation asks applicants to carry out user surveys on 2 days during the bathing season. For a site to be eligible for designation, it must be used by an average of at least 100 bathers a day during the bathing season. The applicant has provided a survey of usage taken over 2 days: 10 June and 6 August 2023.

The breakdown of numbers reported over 2 counts was:

- 161 bathers on 11 August
- 137 bathers on 9 August

This gives an average per count (rounded to the nearest whole number) of:

- 149 bathers

Facilities

The facilities that are available near to the site include:

- toilets in a local business premises which are open to bathers
- public toilets
- car parking
- café

Local consultation

Applicants must run a consultation to get views from local people, businesses and organisations about the proposed designation. The consultation must be open during the bathing season in the same year that the application is submitted, for at least 6 weeks. The applicant held a local consultation to gather views on the proposal to apply for bathing water designation at four sites, including this one. The consultation was carried out for 5 months. There were 7,031 respondents. 7,030 respondents supported and 1 opposed the proposal.

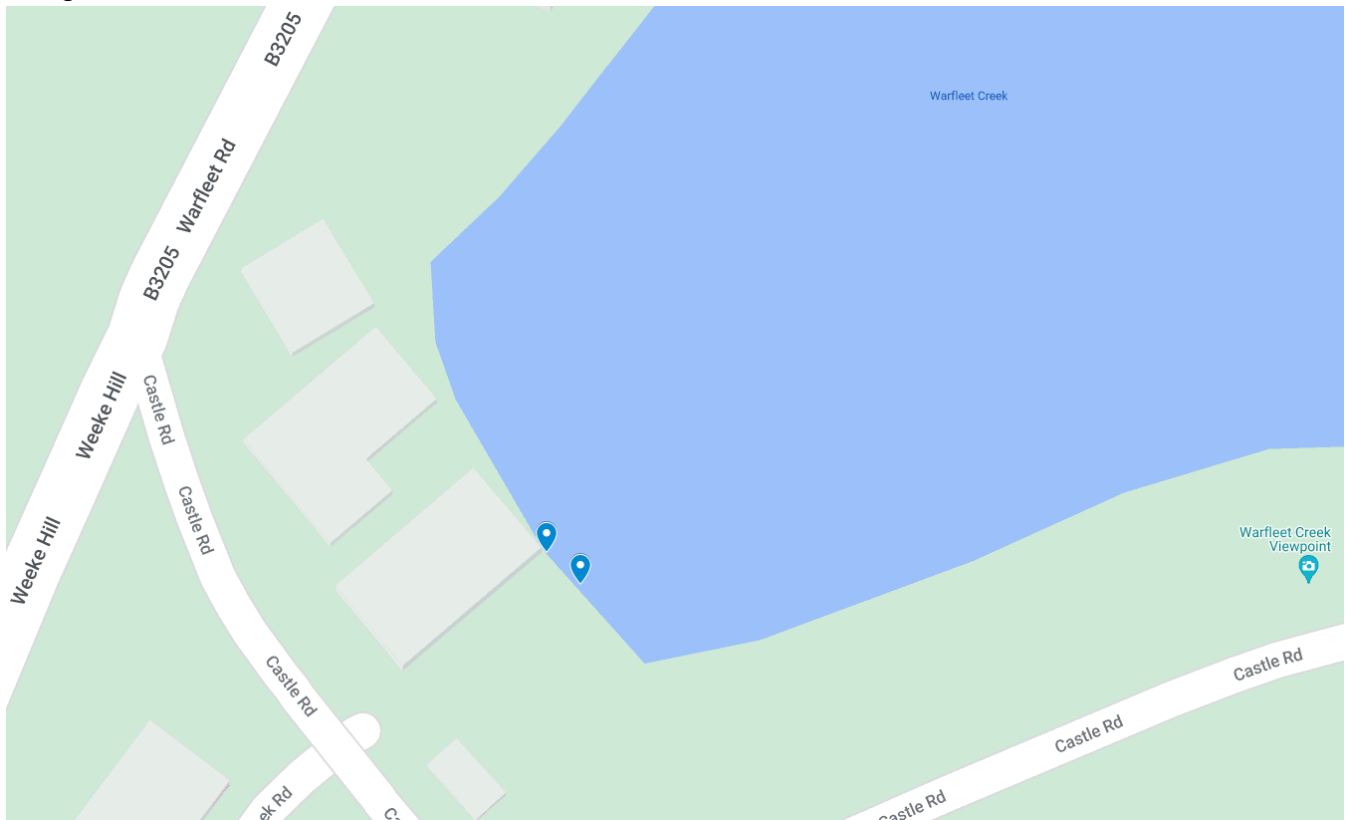
River Dart Estuary at Warfleet

A local group, Friends of the Dart, has applied for an area of the River Dart at Warfleet to be designated as a bathing water. This consultation sets out our summary of the application and seeks your views on the proposal to designate this site as a bathing water.

Location

The proposed site, shown between the two location markers in Image M, is located in Warfleet, Dartmouth, Devon. The land is owned and managed by Dartmouth Town Council and the Dart Harbour Authority. The address for the site is Warfleet Creek, Dartmouth, TQ6 9BZ.

Image M:



If the site is designated as a bathing water, the EA will determine a sampling point on the basis of where the largest number of bathers go into the water. The annual classification would reflect bathing water quality at this point.

User surveys

Defra's guidance on applying for a new bathing water designation asks applicants to carry out user surveys on 2 days during the bathing season. For a site to be eligible for designation, it must be used by an average of at least 100 bathers a day during the

bathing season. The applicant has provided a survey of usage taken over 2 days: 28 August and 10 September 2023.

The breakdown of numbers reported over 2 counts was:

- 281 bathers on 28 August
- 240 bathers on 10 September

This gives an average per count (rounded to the nearest whole number) of:

- 261 bathers

Facilities

The facilities that are available near to the site include:

- public toilets
- car parking
- café

Local consultation

Applicants must run a consultation to get views from local people, businesses and organisations about the proposed designation. The consultation must be open during the bathing season in the same year that the application is submitted, for at least 6 weeks. The applicant held a local consultation to gather views on the proposal to apply for bathing water designation at four sites, including this one. The consultation was carried out for 5 months. There were 7,031 respondents. 7,030 respondents supported the proposal and 1 opposed the proposal.

River Ribble at Edisford Bridge

Ribble Catchment Conservation Trust has applied for an area of the River Ribble at Edisford Bridge to be designated as a bathing water. This consultation sets out our summary of the application and seeks your views on the proposal to designate this site as a bathing water.

Location

The proposed site, highlighted in black in Image N, is located at Edisford Bridge, Clitheroe, Lancashire. The land is owned and managed by Ribble Valley Borough Council. The address for the site is Edisford Road, Clitheroe, Lancashire, BB7 3LA.

Image N:



If the site is designated as a bathing water, the EA will determine a sampling point on the basis of where the largest number of bathers go into the water. The annual classification would reflect bathing water quality at this point.

User surveys

Defra's guidance on applying for a new bathing water designation asks applicants to carry out user surveys on 2 days during the bathing season. For a site to be eligible for designation, it must be used by an average of at least 100 bathers a day during the bathing season. The applicant has provided a survey of usage taken over 2 days: 17 June and 9 September 2023.

The breakdown of numbers reported over 2 counts was:

- 112 bathers on 17 June
- 137 bathers on 9 September

This gives an average per count (rounded to the nearest whole number) of:

- 125 bathers

Facilities

The facilities that are available near to the site include:

- public toilets
- car parking
- shops

Local consultation

Applicants must run a consultation to get views from local people, businesses and organisations about the proposed designation. The consultation must be open during the bathing season in the same year that the application is submitted, for at least 6 weeks. The applicant held a local consultation to gather views on the proposal to apply for bathing water designation at this site. The consultation was carried out for 17 weeks. There were 121 respondents. All supported the proposal.

Church Cliff Beach

River Lim Action Group has applied for Church Cliff Beach to be designated as a bathing water. This consultation sets out our summary of the application and seeks your views on the proposal to designate this site as a bathing water.

Location

The proposed site, highlighted in Image O, is located at Church Cliff Beach, Dorset. The land is owned and managed by Dorset Council and the Crown Estate. The address for the site is Marine Theatre, Church St, Lyme Regis, DT7 3QB.

Image O:



If the site is designated as a bathing water, the EA will determine a sampling point on the basis of where the largest number of bathers go into the water. The annual classification would reflect bathing water quality at this point.

User surveys

Defra's guidance on applying for a new bathing water designation asks applicants to carry out user surveys on 2 days during the bathing season. For a site to be eligible for designation, it must be used by an average of at least 100 bathers a day during the bathing season. The applicant has provided a survey of usage taken over 2 days: 28 August and 2 September 2023.

The breakdown of numbers reported over 2 counts was:

- 114 bathers on 28 August
- 105 bathers on 2 September

This gives an average per count (rounded to the nearest whole number) of:

- 110 bathers

Facilities

The facilities that are available near to the site include:

- public toilets
- car parking
- defibrillator
- lifesaving ring
- lifeguards
- litter bins
- cafés
- restaurants

Local consultation

Applicants must run a consultation to get views from local people, businesses and organisations about the proposed designation. The consultation must be open during the bathing season in the same year that the application is submitted, for at least 6 weeks. The applicant held a local consultation to gather views on the proposal to apply for bathing water designation at this site. The consultation was carried out for 4 and a half months. There were 426 respondents. 424 respondents supported the proposal and 2 opposed.

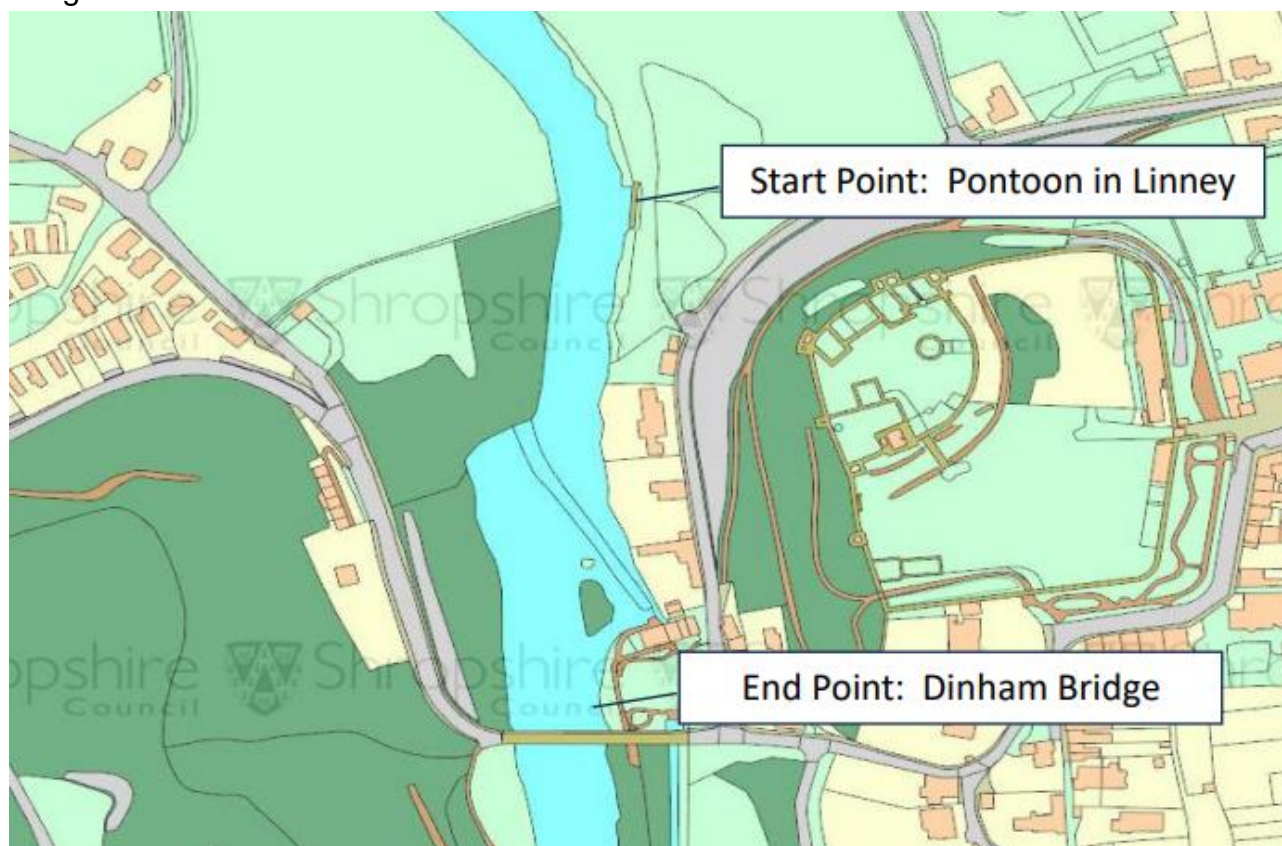
River Teme at Ludlow

A local group, Shropshire Bathing Waters, has applied for an area of the River Teme at Ludlow to be designated as a bathing water. This consultation sets out our summary of the application and seeks your views on the proposal to designate this site as a bathing water.

Location

The proposed site, highlighted in Image P, is located in Ludlow, Shropshire. The land is owned and managed by Dinham Millennium Green Trust and Ludlow Town Council. The address for the site is SY8 1EG. The OS grid reference for the site is SO50707449-50707471.

Image P:



If the site is designated as a bathing water, the EA will determine a sampling point on the basis of where the largest number of bathers go into the water. The annual classification would reflect bathing water quality at this point.

User surveys

Defra's guidance on applying for a new bathing water designation asks applicants to carry out user surveys on 2 days during the bathing season. For a site to be eligible for designation, it must be used by an average of at least 100 bathers a day during the bathing season.

The applicant has provided a survey of usage taken over 2 days: 20 August and 3 September 2023.

The breakdown of numbers reported over 2 counts was:

- 177 bathers on 20 August
- 215 bathers on 3 September

This gives an average per count (rounded to the nearest whole number) of:

- 196 bathers

Facilities

The facilities that are available near to the site include:

- public toilets
- car parking
- defibrillator (at visitor centre)
- first aid kits (at visitor centre)
- litter bins
- changing spaces
- picnic tables
- seating
- café

Local consultation

The Applicants must run a consultation to get views from local people, businesses and organisations about the proposed designation. The consultation must be open during the bathing season in the same year that the application is submitted, for at least 6 weeks. The applicant held a local consultation to gather views on the proposal to apply for bathing water designation at this site. The consultation was carried out for 8 weeks. There were 272 respondents to a survey and 18 direct letters of support received by the applicant. From the survey, 267 respondents supported the proposal and 3 neither supported nor opposed the proposal. 2 respondents stated they didn't know whether they supported the proposal.

River Severn at Shrewsbury

Shropshire Bathing Waters Group has applied for an area of the River Severn at Shrewsbury to be designated as a bathing water. This consultation sets out our summary of the application and seeks your views on the proposal to designate this site as a bathing water.

Location

The proposed site, highlighted in Image Q, is located in Shrewsbury, Shropshire. The land is owned and managed by Shrewsbury Town Council. The address for the site is Frankwell Quay, Shrewsbury, SY3 8HB. The OS grid reference for the site is SJ 491 129.

Image Q:



If the site is designated as a bathing water, the EA will determine a sampling point on the basis of where the largest number of bathers go into the water. The annual classification would reflect bathing water quality at this point.

User surveys

Defra's guidance on applying for a new bathing water designation asks applicants to carry out user surveys on 2 days during the bathing season. For a site to be eligible for designation, it must be used by an average of at least 100 bathers a day during the bathing season. The applicant has provided a survey of usage taken over 2 days: 22 July and 5 August 2023.

The breakdown of numbers reported over 2 counts was:

- 102 bathers on 22 July
- 105 bathers on 5 August

This gives an average per count (rounded to the nearest whole number) of:

- 104 bathers

Facilities

The facilities that are available near to the site include:

- toilets in a local business premises which are open to bathers
- car parking
- litter bins
- café

Local consultation

Applicants must run a consultation to get views from local people, businesses and organisations about the proposed designation. The consultation must be open during the bathing season in the same year that the application is submitted, for at least 6 weeks. The applicant held a local consultation to gather views on the proposal to apply for bathing water designation at this site. The consultation was carried out for 7 weeks. There were 21 organisations who responded after being contacted directly and a further 475 respondents to a survey. 19 organisations supported the proposal, and 2 responded stating that they were unable to express an opinion. From the survey, 458 supported the proposal, 5 opposed and 10 neither supported nor opposed the proposal. 2 respondents stated they didn't know whether they supported the proposal.

River Severn at Ironbridge

Shropshire Bathing Waters Group has applied for an area of the River Severn at Ironbridge to be designated as a bathing water. This consultation sets out our summary of the application and seeks your views on the proposal to designate this site as a bathing water.

Location

The proposed site, highlighted in Image R, is located in Ironbridge, Shropshire. The land is owned and managed by Ironbridge Gorge Museum Trust Limited. The address for the site is TF8 7NH. The OS grid reference for the site is SJ 66803 03618.

Image R:



If the site is designated as a bathing water, the EA will determine a sampling point on the basis of where the largest number of bathers go into the water. The annual classification would reflect bathing water quality at this point.

User surveys

Defra's guidance on applying for a new bathing water designation asks applicants to carry out user surveys on 2 days during the bathing season. For a site to be eligible for designation, it must be used by an average of at least 100 bathers a day during the bathing season. The applicant has provided a survey of usage taken over 2 days: 16 August and 6 September 2023.

The breakdown of numbers reported over 2 counts was:

- 104 bathers on 16 August
- 101 bathers on 6 September

This gives an average per count (rounded to the nearest whole number) of:

- 103 bathers

Facilities

The facilities that are available near to the site include:

- public toilets
- litter bins
- cafés

Local consultation

Applicants must run a consultation to get views from local people, businesses and organisations about the proposed designation. The consultation must be open during the bathing season in the same year that the application is submitted, for at least 6 weeks. The applicant held a local consultation to gather views on the proposal to apply for bathing water designation at this site. The consultation was carried out for 8 weeks. There were 17 organisations who responded after being contacted directly and a further 285 respondents to a survey. 15 organisations supported the proposal, 1 disagreed with the proposal and 1 responded stating that they were unable to express an opinion. Of the survey responses, 274 respondents supported the proposal, 3 opposed and 7 neither agreed nor disagreed with the proposal. 1 respondent stated they didn't know whether they supported the application.

Littlehaven Beach

South Tyneside Council has applied for an area of Littlehaven Beach to be designated as a bathing water. This consultation sets out our summary of the application and seeks your views on the proposal to designate this site as a bathing water.

Location

The proposed site, highlighted in Image S, is located at Littlehaven Beach, Tyne and Wear. The land is owned and managed by South Tyneside Council. The address for the site is Littlehaven Beach, South Shields, NE33 2LF.

Image S:



If the site is designated as a bathing water, the EA will determine a sampling point on the basis of where the largest number of bathers go into the water. The annual classification would reflect bathing water quality at this point.

User surveys

Defra’s guidance on applying for a new bathing water designation asks applicants to carry out user surveys on 2 days during the bathing season. For a site to be eligible for designation, it must be used by an average of at least 100 bathers a day during the bathing season.

The applicant has provided a survey of usage taken over 2 days: 10 August and 11 August 2023.

The breakdown of numbers reported over 2 counts was:

- 336 bathers on 10 August
- 389 bathers on 11 August

This gives an average per count (rounded to the nearest whole number) of:

- 363 bathers

Facilities

The facilities that are available near to the site include:

- public toilets
- car parking
- cafés
- kiosk
- restaurants
- pubs

Local consultation

Applicants must run a consultation to get views from local people, businesses and organisations about the proposed designation. The consultation must be open during the bathing season in the same year that the application is submitted, for at least 6 weeks.

The applicant held a local consultation to gather views on the proposal to apply for bathing water designation at this site. The consultation was carried out for 6 weeks. There were 61 respondents. 52 respondents supported the proposal. 2 respondents opposed and 7 neither supported nor opposed the proposal.

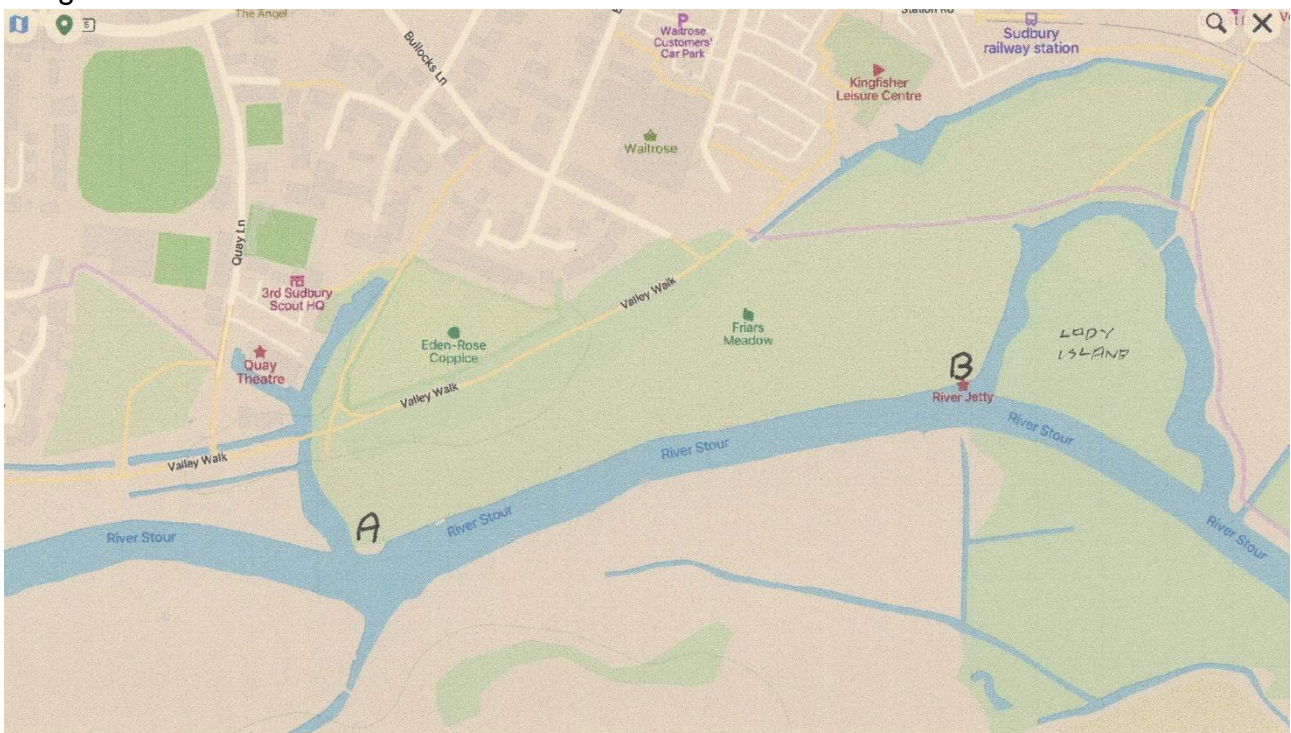
River Stour at Friars Meadow, Sudbury

Sudbury Town Council has applied for an area of the River Stour at Sudbury to be designated as a bathing water. This consultation sets out our summary of the application and seeks your views on the proposal to designate this site as a bathing water.

Location

The proposed site, highlighted in Image T, is located in Sudbury, Suffolk. The land is owned by Babergh District Council and managed by the Common Lands Charity. The address for the site is Friars Meadow, Sudbury, CO10 2TL.

Image T:



If the site is designated as a bathing water, the EA will determine a sampling point on the basis of where the largest number of bathers go into the water. The annual classification would reflect bathing water quality at this point.

User surveys

Defra's guidance on applying for a new bathing water designation asks applicants to carry out user surveys on 2 days during the bathing season. For a site to be eligible for designation, it must be used by an average of at least 100 bathers a day during the bathing season. The applicant has provided a survey of usage taken over 2 days: 20 August and 10 September 2023.

The breakdown of numbers reported over 2 counts was:

- 150 bathers on 20 August
- 140 bathers on 10 September

This gives an average per count (rounded to the nearest whole number) of:

- 145 bathers

Facilities

The facilities that are available near to the site include:

- toilets in a local business premises which are open to bathers
- car parking
- litter bins
- pub

Local consultation

Applicants must run a consultation to get views from local people, businesses and organisations about the proposed designation. The consultation must be open during the bathing season in the same year that the application is submitted, for at least 6 weeks. The applicant held a local consultation to gather views on the proposal to apply for bathing water designation at this site. The consultation was carried out for 6 months. There were 1,813 respondents. 1,794 respondents supported the proposal. 6 respondents opposed and 13 neither supported nor opposed the proposal.

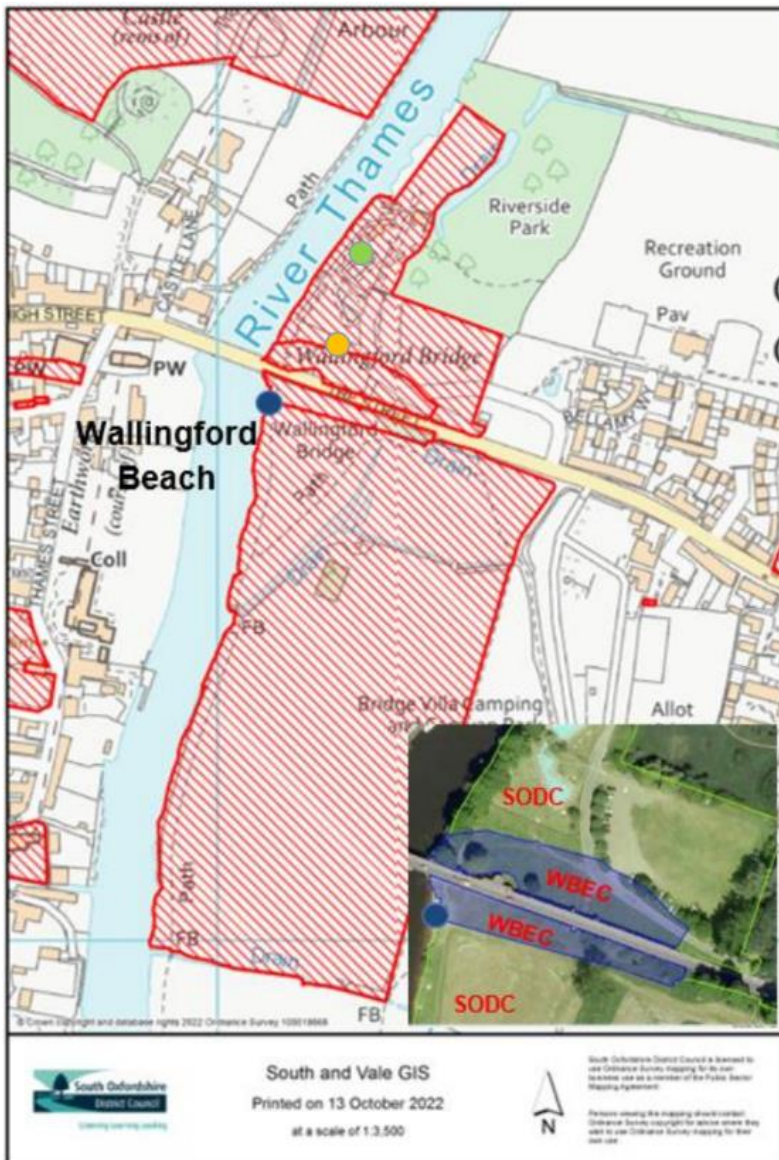
Wallingford Beach

Thames 21 has applied for an area of Wallingford Beach to be designated as a bathing water. This consultation sets out our summary of the application and seeks your views on the proposal to designate this site as a bathing water.

Location

The proposed site, highlighted in Image U, is located at Wallingford Beach, Oxfordshire. The land is owned and managed by Wallingford Bridge Estate Charity. The address for the site is Wallingford Beach, Wallingford, OX10 0BL. The OS grid reference for the site is SU 6104 8943.

Image U:



If the site is designated as a bathing water, the EA will determine a sampling point on the basis of where the largest number of bathers go into the water. The annual classification would reflect bathing water quality at this point.

User surveys

Defra's guidance on applying for a new bathing water designation asks applicants to carry out user surveys on 2 days during the bathing season. For a site to be eligible for designation, it must be used by an average of at least 100 bathers a day during the bathing season.

The applicant has provided a survey of usage taken over 2 days: 10 August and 9 September 2023.

The breakdown of numbers reported over 2 counts was:

- 130 bathers on 10 August
- 391 bathers on 9 September

This gives an average per count (rounded to the nearest whole number) of:

- 261 bathers

Facilities

The facilities that are available near to the site include:

- public toilets
- car parking
- kiosk
- pub

Local consultation

Applicants must run a consultation to get views from local people, businesses and organisations about the proposed designation. The consultation must be open during the bathing season in the same year that the application is submitted, for at least 6 weeks.

The applicant held a local consultation to gather views on the proposal to apply for bathing water designation at this site. The consultation was carried out for 15 weeks. There were 201 respondents. 194 respondents supported the proposal. 3 respondents opposed and 4 neither supported nor opposed the proposal.

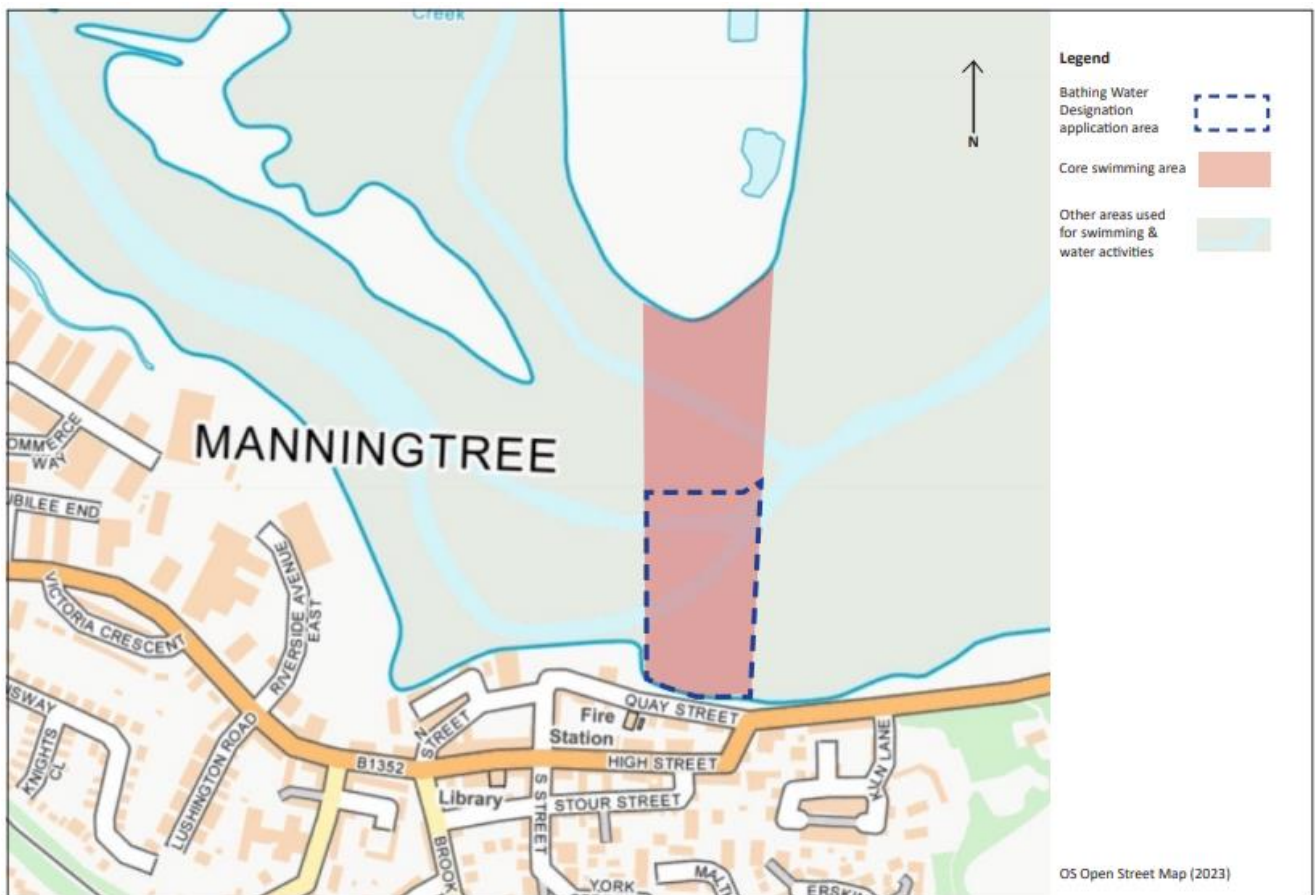
Manningtree Beach

The Manningtree Mermaids have applied for an area of Manningtree Beach to be designated as a bathing water. This consultation sets out our summary of the application and seeks your views on the proposal to designate this site as a bathing water.

Location

The proposed site, highlighted in Image V, is located at Manningtree Beach, Essex. The land is owned and managed by The Crown Estate. The address for the site is Quay Street, Manningtree, CO11 1AU.

Image V:



If the site is designated as a bathing water, the EA will determine a sampling point on the basis of where the largest number of bathers go into the water. The annual classification would reflect bathing water quality at this point.

User surveys

Defra’s guidance on applying for a new bathing water designation asks applicants to carry out user surveys on 2 days during the bathing season. For a site to be eligible for designation, it must be used by an average of at least 100 bathers a day during the

bathing season. The applicant has provided a survey of usage taken over 2 days: 25 June and 13 August 2023.

The breakdown of numbers reported over the 2 counts was:

- 115 bathers on 25 June
- 124 bathers on 13 August

This gives an average per count (rounded to the nearest whole number) of:

- 120 bathers

Facilities

The facilities that are available near to the site include:

- public toilets
- car parking
- public transport
- defibrillator
- lifesaving ring
- litter bins
- tap to wash up
- towel hooks
- sun cream dispenser (free of charge)
- beach toy sharing library
- seating
- café (van)
- restaurants
- pubs
- shops
- supermarket

Local consultation

Applicants must run a consultation to get views from local people, businesses and organisations about the proposed designation. The consultation must be open during the bathing season in the same year that the application is submitted, for at least 6 weeks. The applicant held a local consultation to gather views on the proposal to apply for bathing water designation at this site. The consultation was carried out for 9 months, from 10 February to 27 October 2023. There were 1,311 respondents to the applicants' online and paper survey. 1,306 respondents supported the proposal and 5 did not support the proposal, although 2 of these 5 later expressed support within their response. In addition, 6 local councils and over 25 business expressed their support for the application.

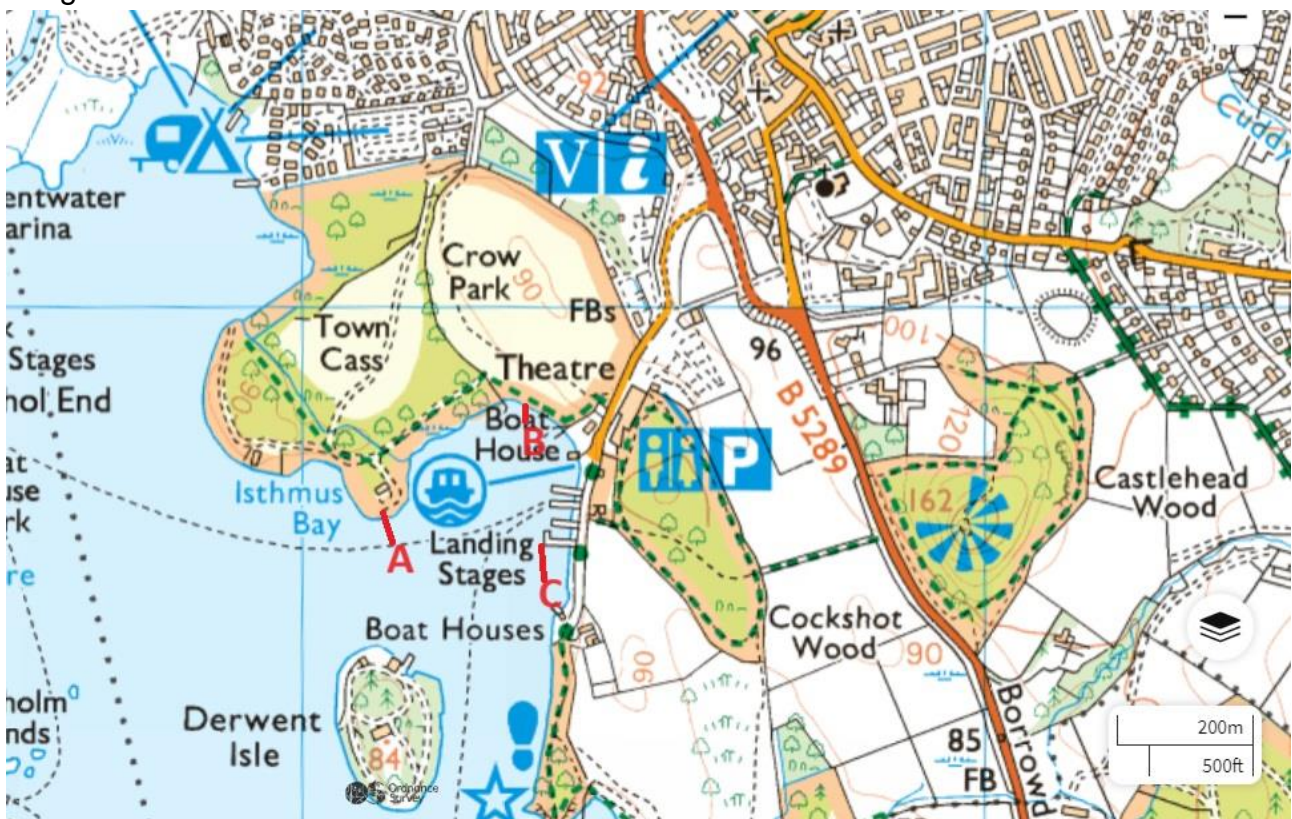
Derwent Water

West Cumbria Rivers Trust has applied for an area of Derwent Water at Crow Park, Cumbria to be designated as a bathing water. This consultation sets out our summary of the application and seeks your views on the proposal to designate this site as a bathing water.

Location

The proposed site, highlighted in Image W, is located at Crow Park, Keswick, Cumbria. The land is owned and managed by the National Trust. The address for the site is Crow Park, Keswick, CA12 5DJ.

Image W:



If the site is designated as a bathing water, the EA will determine a sampling point on the basis of where the largest number of bathers go into the water. The annual classification would reflect bathing water quality at this point.

User surveys

Defra's guidance on applying for a new bathing water designation asks applicants to carry out user surveys on 2 days during the bathing season. For a site to be eligible for designation, it must be used by an average of at least 100 bathers a day during the bathing season.

The applicant has provided a survey of usage taken over 2 days: 16 August and 9 September 2023.

The breakdown of numbers reported over 2 counts was:

- 183 bathers on 16 August
- 117 bathers on 9 September

This gives an average per count (rounded to the nearest whole number) of:

- 150 bathers

Facilities

The facilities that are available near to the site include:

- public toilets
- car parking
- litter bins
- cafés

Local consultation

Applicants must run a consultation to get views from local people, businesses and organisations about the proposed designation. The consultation must be open during the bathing season in the same year that the application is submitted, for at least 6 weeks. The applicant held a local consultation to gather views on the proposal to apply for bathing water designation at this site. The consultation was carried out for 16 weeks. There were 282 respondents. 253 respondents supported the proposal, 4 opposed and 25 neither supported nor opposed the proposal. As the applicant did not consult farming businesses locally as part of the local consultation, which is one of the requirements in the published bathing waters application guidance, we have written to the applicant to ask them to publicise the national consultation to farming contacts and networks in the area and to provide any responses they receive to Defra by the time the consultation closes.

River Wharfe at Wetherby

A local group, Wetherby and Villages Clean River Group has applied for an area of the River Wharfe at Wetherby to be designated as a bathing water. This consultation sets out our summary of the application and seeks your views on the proposal to designate this site as a bathing water.

Location

The proposed site, highlighted in Image X, is located at Wetherby, near Leeds, West Yorkshire. The land is owned and managed by Leeds City Council. The address for the site is Riverside, High St, Wetherby, LS22 6LT.

Image X:



If the site is designated as a bathing water, the EA will determine a sampling point on the basis of where the largest number of bathers go into the water. The annual classification would reflect bathing water quality at this point.

User surveys

Defra's guidance on applying for a new bathing water designation asks applicants to carry out user surveys on 2 days during the bathing season. For a site to be eligible for designation, it must be used by an average of at least 100 bathers a day during the bathing season.

The applicant has provided a survey of usage taken over 2 days: 3 September and 4 September 2023.

The breakdown of numbers reported over 2 counts was:

- 173 bathers on 3 September
- 131 bathers on 4 September

This gives an average per count (rounded to the nearest whole number) of:

- 152 bathers

Facilities

The facilities that are available near to the site include:

- public toilets
- car parking
- ramp next to the bridge
- public transport
- defibrillator
- life buoy
- first aid kit (at nearby health centre)
- litter bins
- recycling bins
- changing spaces
- cafés
- kiosk (ice cream)

Local consultation

Applicants must run a consultation to get views from local people, businesses and organisations about the proposed designation. The consultation must be open during the bathing season in the same year that the application is submitted, for at least 6 weeks. The applicant held a local consultation to gather views on the proposal to apply for bathing water designation at this site. The consultation was carried out for a year, from October 2022 through to October 2023. There were 244 respondents. 242 respondents supported the proposal. 1 respondent opposed and 1 neither supported nor opposed the proposal. As the applicant did not consult farming businesses locally as part of the local consultation, which is one of the requirements in the published bathing waters application guidance, we have written to the applicant to ask them to publicise the national consultation to farming contacts and networks in the area and to provide any responses they receive to Defra by the time the consultation closes.

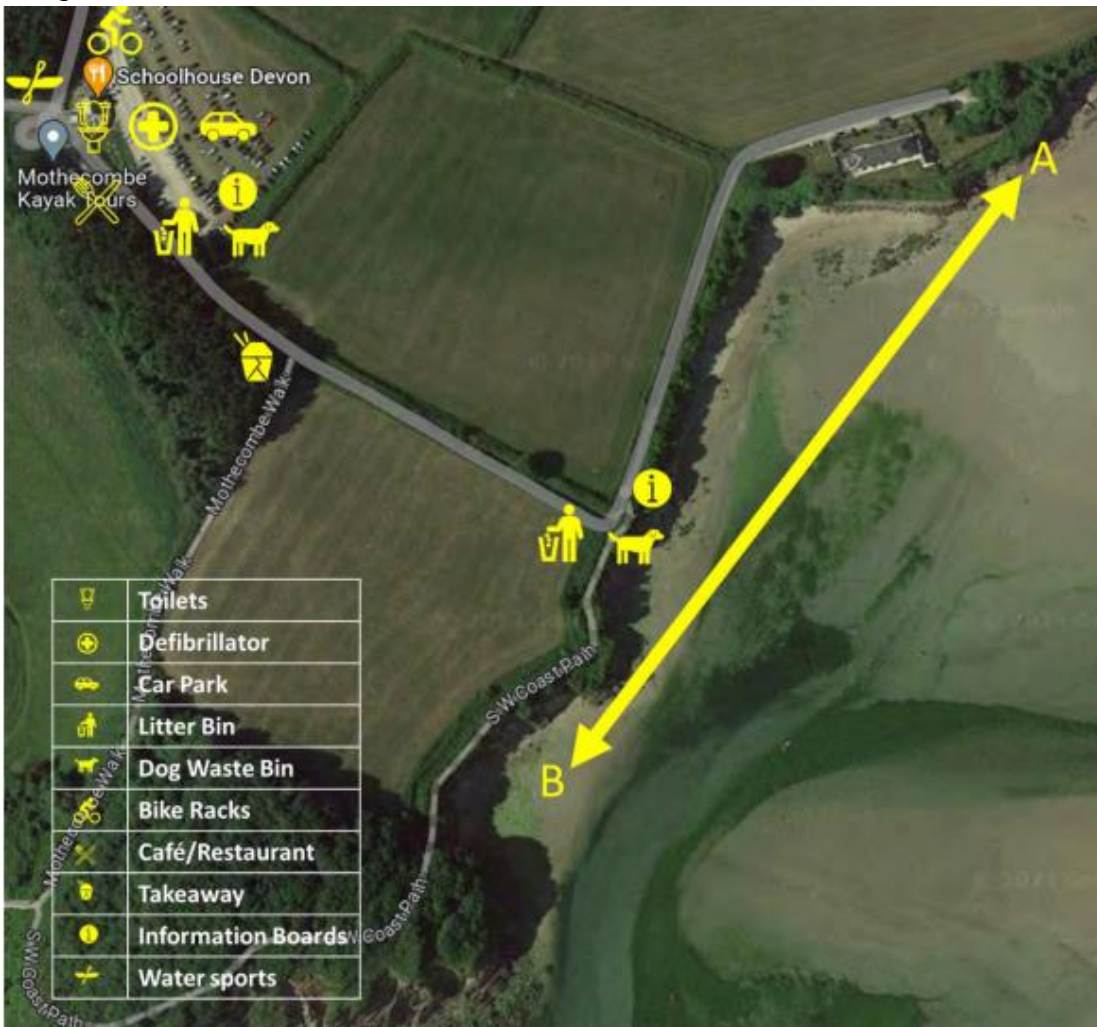
Coastguards Beach

Wild About The Erme River have applied for an area of Coastguards Beach to be designated as a bathing water. This consultation sets out our summary of the application and seeks your views on the proposal to designate this site as a bathing water.

Location

The proposed site, highlighted in Image Y, is located at Coastguards Beach, South Devon. The land is owned and managed by a private landowner. The address for the site is Coastguards Beach, Mothecombe, PL8 1LB. The OS grid reference for the site is SX6146 4763.

Image Y:



If the site is designated as a bathing water, the EA will determine a sampling point on the basis of where the largest number of bathers go into the water. The annual classification would reflect bathing water quality at this point.

User surveys

Defra's guidance on applying for a new bathing water designation asks applicants to carry out user surveys on 2 days during the bathing season. For a site to be eligible for designation, it must be used by an average of at least 100 bathers a day during the bathing season. The applicant has provided a survey of usage taken over 2 days: 26 August and 28 August 2023.

The breakdown of numbers reported over 2 counts was:

- 144 bathers on 26 August
- 169 bathers on 28 August

This gives an average per count (rounded to the nearest whole number) of:

- 157 bathers

Facilities

The facilities that are available near to the site include:

- public toilets
- public transport
- bicycle parking
- defibrillator
- emergency services
- emergency information display
- local area information display
- dog waste bins
- beach access
- café
- takeaway
- restaurant

Local consultation

Applicants must run a consultation to get views from local people, businesses and organisations about the proposed designation. The consultation must be open during the bathing season in the same year that the application is submitted, for at least 6 weeks. The applicant held a local consultation to gather views on the proposal to apply for bathing water designation at this site. The consultation was carried out for 7 weeks. There were 1,210 respondents. 1,207 respondents supported the proposal. 2 respondents opposed and 1 neither supported nor opposed the proposal.

Goring Beach

Worthing Borough Council has applied for Goring Beach to be designated as a bathing water. This consultation sets out our summary of the application and seeks your views on the proposal to designate this site as a bathing water.

Location

The proposed site, highlighted in Image Z, is located in Worthing, West Sussex. The land is owned and managed by Worthing Borough Council. The address for the site is Openspace South of Alinora Avenue, Marine Crescent, Worthing, BN12 4HR. The OS grid reference for the site is TQ114018.

Image Z:



If the site is designated as a bathing water, the EA will determine a sampling point on the basis of where the largest number of bathers go into the water. The annual classification would reflect bathing water quality at this point.

User surveys

Defra's guidance on applying for a new bathing water designation asks applicants to carry out user surveys on 2 days during the bathing season. For a site to be eligible for designation, it must be used by an average of at least 100 bathers a day during the bathing season.

The applicant has provided a survey of usage taken over 2 days: 3 September and 9 September 2023.

The breakdown of numbers reported over 2 counts was:

- 464 bathers on 3 September
- 689 bathers on 9 September

This gives an average per count (rounded to the nearest whole number) of:

- 577 bathers

Facilities

The facilities that are available near to the site include:

- public toilets
- car parking
- litter bins
- café

Local consultation

Applicants must run a consultation to get views from local people, businesses and organisations about the proposed designation. The consultation must be open during the bathing season in the same year that the application is submitted, for at least 6 weeks. The applicant held a local consultation to gather views on the proposal to apply for bathing water designation at this site. The consultation was carried out for 6 weeks. There were 318 respondents. 314 respondents supported the proposal and 4 opposed. In addition, 3 further emails in support of the proposal were received by the applicant. As the applicant did not consult farming businesses locally as part of the local consultation, which is one of the requirements in the published bathing waters application guidance, we have written to the applicant to ask them to publicise the national consultation to farming contacts and networks in the area and to provide any responses they receive to Defra by the time the consultation closes.

Worthing Beach House

Worthing Borough Council has applied for Worthing Beach House to be designated as a bathing water. This consultation sets out our summary of the application and seeks your views on the proposal to designate this site as a bathing water.

Location

The proposed site, highlighted in Image AA, is located in Worthing, West Sussex. The land is owned and managed by Worthing Borough Council. The address for the site is Grounds, Beach House, Brighton Road, Worthing, BN11 2EJ. The OS grid reference for the site is TQ154025.

Image AA:



If the site is designated as a bathing water, the EA will determine a sampling point on the basis of where the largest number of bathers go into the water. The annual classification would reflect bathing water quality at this point.

User surveys

Defra's guidance on applying for a new bathing water designation asks applicants to carry out user surveys on 2 days during the bathing season. For a site to be eligible for designation, it must be used by an average of at least 100 bathers a day during the bathing season.

The applicant has provided a survey of usage taken over 2 days: 9 September and 10 September 2023.

The breakdown of numbers reported over 2 counts was:

- 755 bathers on 9 September

- 437 bathers on 10 September

This gives an average per count (rounded to the nearest whole number) of:

- 596 bathers

Facilities

The facilities that are available near to the site include:

- public toilets
- litter bins
- café

Local consultation

Applicants must run a consultation to get views from local people, businesses and organisations about the proposed designation. The consultation must be open during the bathing season in the same year that the application is submitted, for at least 6 weeks. The applicant held a local consultation to gather views on the proposal to apply for bathing water designation at this site. An online consultation was carried out for 6 weeks. There were 249 respondents. 246 respondents supported and 3 opposed the proposal. As the applicant did not consult farming businesses locally as part of the local consultation, which is one of the requirements in the published bathing waters application guidance, we have written to the applicant to ask them to publicise the national consultation to farming contacts and networks in the area and to provide any responses they receive to Defra by the time the consultation closes.

Responding to this consultation

We would welcome your views on the proposal to designate any of these sites as bathing waters.

In your response please state:

- Which site(s) you are providing your view on
- Do you agree or disagree with the proposed designation(s)
- Your reasons or evidence to support your view
- Whether you think there are facilities or infrastructure at or near the proposed designation(s) to promote bathing at the site
- What facilities or infrastructure you think would be required at or near the proposed designation(s) to promote bathing at the site

Please respond by 10 March 2024 via Citizen Space:

<https://consult.defra.gov.uk/water/consultation-on-designation-of-27-sites-as-bathing>

You can also respond by email at bathingwater@defra.gov.uk or by post at:

Bathing Waters Team
Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs
2 Marsham Street
Ground Floor
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Annex - List of consultees

Defra has written to the following organisations to seek their views on the proposed designations as part of this consultation:

UK Beach Management Forum
British Long Distance Swimming Association
Consumer Council for Water
Country Land and Business Association
Marine Conservation Society
National Farmers Union
Outdoor Swimming Society
Royal Agricultural Society of England
River and Lake Swimming Association
Swim England
Tenant Farmers Association
Visit England
Affinity Water
Anglian Water
Bournemouth Water
Bristol Water
Cambridge Water
Northumbrian Water
Severn Trent Water
South West Water
Thames Water
United Utilities
Wessex Water
Yorkshire Water