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Dear Consultee,

Consultation on 4 applications to designate new sites as bathing waters

I am writing to invite your views on 4 applications to designate new sites as bathing waters under the Bathing Water Regulations 2013 (S.I.2013/1675):

- Sykes Lane Bathing Beach, Rutland Water, Rutland
- Whitwell Creek, Rutland Water, Rutland
- Firestone Bay, Plymouth, Devon
- An area of the River Deben at Waldringfield

The following documents can be found on Defra's website

<https://consult.defra.gov.uk/water/consultation-on-designation-of-4-proposed-sites> :

- Link to the consultation document
- Link to guidance on the designation of bathing waters
- Link to the bathing water page

We welcome your views and comments on the applications. If you wish to obtain a copy of this consultation please contact:

Bathing Water Team
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Responses

To submit your consultation response:

- complete the consultation questionnaire provided through Citizen Space (Citizen Space is an online consultation tool)
- respond to the Bathing Water Team by email to bathingwater@defra.gov.uk
- By post to the Bathing Water Team at the address above.

Responses should be received by 20 March 2023.

Consultation criteria

This consultation is in line with the Consultations Principles. This can be found at <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/consultation-principles-guidance>

Confidentiality and data protection

This consultation document and consultation process have been planned to adhere to the Consultation Principles issued by the Cabinet Office.

Representative groups are asked to give a summary of the people and organisations they represent and, where relevant, who else they have consulted in reaching their conclusions when they respond.

Information provided in response to this consultation, including personal data, may be published or disclosed in accordance with the access to information regimes. These are primarily the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 (EIRs), the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) and the Data Protection Act 2018 (DPA). We have obligations, mainly under the EIRs, FOIA and DPA, to disclose information to particular recipients or to the public in certain circumstances.

If you want the information that you provide to be treated as confidential, please be aware that, as a public authority, the Department is bound by the Freedom of Information Act and may therefore be obliged to disclose all or some of the information you provide. In view of this, it would be helpful if you could explain to us why you regard the information you provide as confidential. If we receive a request for disclosure of the information we will take full account of your explanation, but we cannot give an assurance that confidentiality can be maintained in all circumstances. An automatic confidentiality disclaimer generated by your IT system will not, of itself, be regarded as binding on the Department.

If you have any comments or complaints about the consultation process, please address them to:

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Thank you for your help in this matter. If you have any queries, please contact us as above.

Yours faithfully,

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