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Dear Sir/Madam,

CONSULTATION ON THE PROPOSAL TO REMOVE STAITHES FROM THE LIST OF DESIGNATED BATHING WATERS

We are proposing to remove Staithes from the list of bathing waters designated under the Bathing Water Directive (2006/7/EC) because of low usage for bathing. The purpose of this consultation is to seek your views on whether this beach should be de-designated.

De-designation would mean that the Environment Agency would no longer routinely sample water quality for microbial pollution, there would be no provision of public information on water quality and no further work towards complying with Bathing Water Directive standards. However, the Urban Waste Water Treatment Directive and general environmental quality standards under the Water Framework Directive and Marine Strategy Framework Directive will continue to apply and de-designation as a bathing water would have no impact on other wildlife or nature designations.

The consultation will be open until 30 September 2015. Please reply to bathingwater@defra.gsi.gov.uk or by post to:

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Yours sincerely,
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