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Dear Adrian

**Draft Infrastructure Delivery Plan - technical consultation (December 2014)**

Thank you for consulting us on the above. We have the following comments to make.

Having reviewed the document we note that there is no mention within section 14 of flood alleviation infrastructure or Water Framework Directive (WFD) requirements and hence these matters have not been considered elsewhere within the document.

**Water Framework Directive**

We are working closely with CCC to develop their Riverside Strategy Supplementary Planning Document (for Canterbury City Centre). This is almost complete and we expect to see a draft version early next year. Although primarily concentrating on the 'dry-side' of the river corridor it will also include suggestions for the river channel as well – informed by a habitat survey undertaken by KSCP. Most of the work is expected to be funded as part of the Stour Riverside Walk (see below), although this may not include in-channel works, which have yet to be costed.

Open Space	Stour Riverside	2014	–	£1,106,000	£39,753	S106	CCC/CT
Green	Walk	2031			S		
Corridors	development and				£340,000	CCC	
	enhancement –				A		
	Chartham to				£500,500	CIL	
	Hersden				A		
					£225,747	EG	
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We suggest the following tables are inserted into your document.

Theme	Name and location of project or programme	Period of delivery	Total estimated cost	Secured (S) and Anticipated (A) funding	Delivery Partners
Open Space Green Corridors	River Stour in-channel habitat enhancement (to meet Water Framework Directive requirements) Chartham to Hersden	2014-2031	£TBC	Not known	EA/CCC
Open Space Green Corridors	Oyster Coast Brooks habitat enhancement (to meet WFD requirements), Oyster Coast Brooks habitat enhancement (to meet WFD requirements)	2014-2031	£TBC	Not known	EA/CCC

### **Flood Alleviation**

The Environment Agency is currently working closely with Canterbury City Council to determine sustainable flood risk management options for Canterbury and the surrounding District. Currently, there are no confirmed improvements in Canterbury. If any new flood alleviation schemes are progressed in the future, all options would be assessed against economic, environmental and technical criteria. The funding for new flood alleviation schemes is allocated nationally (according to the costs and benefits that a scheme will deliver). In addition, under the new partnership funding arrangements that have recently been introduced by DEFRA, schemes may also require contributions from external sources to go ahead.

Although we do not have any specific projects to populate your tables, flood alleviation schemes could come forward within your Local Plan timeframe and as such it is essential that they, as well as WFD, are identified as important infrastructure considerations within this document.

### **Regulation 123**

We would like to highlight at this stage the need for flood alleviation schemes, as well as other Environmental Infrastructure, should take a high priority in the Regulation 123 list when this is produced.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully

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