

### **Policy N31**

Dear Sir or Madam,

I am writing to you about policy N31, concerning the development of the Chartham Mill site. I am the owner of a section of the river upstream of Canterbury and am president of the Tonford Fly Fishing Club. I am also a member of the Stour Fisheries and Conservation Association and a committee member.

The river Stour faces many challenges from pollution, climate change, abstraction and disturbance. It is a globally significant ecosystem and is by far the most significant chalk stream in the South East. It is home to a glorious multitude of special and rare species, that are very sensitive to their environment. Unfortunately, the river is not in good shape and its inhabitants are suffering. All of us who love the river are very concerned to minimize, and in time, reverse the harms that have been done to it.

The development at the Mill will further burden the river with disturbance and pollution. Sewage pollution is already a major problem for the river and it is essential that everything is done to ensure that any development doesn't exacerbate the situation. The current water treatment works in the area are frequently overwhelmed and urgently need modernization and a significant capacity increase.

The EA, the fishing clubs, the wildlife charities and official wildlife bodies must be consulted and involved in plans for the weirs and impoundments at the mill. The development represents a historic, once in a century opportunity to remove unnecessary impoundments and improve the health of the river. Migratory fish will be able to move upstream to spawn and the flora and fauna of the river will be boosted.

All of us who care passionately for the river are desperate to see the proposed development improve the river. It is essential that the various bodies, including riparian owners are consulted and included to ensure that an optimal plan is developed.

With best regards,

Mark Evans

### **Policy N3**

Dear Sir or Madam,

I am writing about policy N3 for a park and ride scheme at Thanington Recreation Ground. I am the owner of a portion of the river upstream of Canterbury and adjacent to the proposed site. I am also president of the TFFC, which runs the fishing on my stretch. I am also a member and committee member of the SFCA, which runs the fishing upstream.

The river is under myriad stresses and the flora and fauna of the Great Stour is suffering. I and my colleagues are very concerned that the policy to build a park and ride scheme so close to the river will have a deleterious effect on the health of the river, through run-off, pollution and disturbance. The TFFC has a right to quiet enjoyment of the fishing on the river and we are most concerned that the scheme could adversely affect our fishing and the health of the river. We request to be consulted on the scheme and are particularly concerned by the risk of run-off, pollution and disturbance. The imidacloprid in one application of dog flea treatment is capable of killing 25 million bees – the effect on river insects is equally dramatic and can literally strip a river of all life for some distance. Preventing human and dog swimming and disturbance is really important.

I and my colleagues in the fishing clubs request that we are kept informed of these proposals and consulted to ensure that the river is protected.

Yours faithfully,

Mark Evans