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Canterbury Local Plan Consultation - Chartham

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Dear Sirs

I write as a member of the Stour Fisheries Association, who hold the fishing rights on much of the River Stour and around the Chartham Mill site where redevelopment is proposed to create 165 houses. I am writing in support of this allocation, but would request that as part of the allocation requirements are placed on the developers to restore the river through the site and to remove as many artificial barriers, culverts and other manmade obstacles as possible so as to improve the ability for brown trout and other migratory fish like sea trout and salmon to pass this section of river. The current structures have consequences both up and down stream of the Mill.

The River Stour is one of only a comparatively small number of chalk stream rivers in the UK, and in England itself supports the vast majority of the worlds chalk streams. It is therefore an internationally rare asset which is protected by the Water Framework Directive and The Environment Act. The growing pressure for more housing development in the Stour catchment itself changes the characteristics of the river and we need to ensure that any development of the former mill site improves the river's characteristics.

Yours sincerely

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