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**Stour Fishery and Conservation Association/ Chartham Mill Residential development plans.**

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Hello

I am writing both as a resident of Kent and as a member of the Stour Fishery Association.

With only a couple of hundred chalk streams globally and 85 % of them to be found in Southern England we are the custodians of a highly valued natural water and environmental resource. And it is being unsustainably and possibly irretrievably damaged by human habitation.

The Chartham Mill Residential development is a golden opportunity to try and stem this tide of destruction.

The Water Framework Directive falls woefully short in only trying to ensure no further damage is caused by works.

The new Environment Act gives us an opportunity to secure significant resources from developers in the planning process to help improve the health of our chalk streams and secure their future. This can be achieved as a starter by removing all man made structures and enhance the river environment around the proposed Chartham Mill Residential development.

Please do all you can to ensure our children will be able to admire and cherish Nature in the extraordinary beauty on display as they take a walk along the banks of a slowly meandering English chalk stream on a summer's evening.

Yours sincerely

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