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Local Plan Consultation Policy N31 which is the Chartham Paper Mill Site and N3 Thanington Recreation Ground. The Policy N31 proposes a 165-unit residential development and the N3 a Park and Ride facility for 900 cars,

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- Increased houses will generate increased sewage and surface water, the treatment of the effluent and rain run off needs to be accommodated by adding capacity and modernising the plants receiving it. The current under capacity and surcharging of the river must be addressed and the water quality improved to get the river ecosystem back to good health, bore holes should be considered for the Effluent and surface run off into the chalk sub strata rather than into the river, this was a common process some years ago, but seems to have fallen out of favour, probably due to cost which should not be a consideration where our chalk streams are concerned.
- Policy N31 - the Chartham Paper Mill Site . The current redundant Paper Mill historically impounded and altered the river to suit its use. The need for these obstructions of weirs, sluices and barriers is now gone and the obsolete structures should be removed and the river restored to its natural state. The Great Stour Chalk stream and Horton Leat habitat have native fish including Brown Trout, Sea Trout and historically Salmon these need to move freely up stream to the spawning redds and downstream to the sea. These species are endangered and at-risk of extinction, they need to be protected.
- The Stour Fisheries Conservation Association who own the fishing rights and riparian owners of the river are all keen to see the restoration of the river as part of these proposals. They are already working with other interested parties like the Tonford Fly Fishing Club, Canterbury and District Angling Association, SE Rivers Trust, Environment Agency Fisheries and Drainage departments, The Wild Trout Trust , The Kentish Stour Countryside Partnerships conservation group and their 'Our Stour' Group, together with many more. This River Restoration Action Group is hoping to actively assist the development of these proposals in due course.
- Policy N3 - The Thanington Recreation Ground Park and ride proposal is for 900 cars. Surface water control from this proposed site must incorporate interceptors for spilt contaminates and ensure none of these contaminates are discharged into the river, this can only be controlled by regular emptying of the interceptors and transport of the resultant effluent off site to a suitable waste facility.

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- The Tonford Fly Fishing Club lease the fishing rights on the stretch of the Great Stour affected by this proposal from the river owner and the club wishes to be consulted over these proposals as they have a right to quiet enjoyment that needs to be respected. As the appointed river keepers, they are also keen to see the risk of run off and pollution mitigated in the proposals.