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Dear Sir or Madam,

While I am a resident of West Kent (Hawkhurst) and therefore not so directly affected by house building and development in the Canterbury area, I do have an interest in the health of the River Stour in and around Chartham Paper Mill and am writing to ask that, whatever plans are eventually implemented in the area, will you please take care to ensure that the health of the River Stour is a key priority.

As I am sure you are aware, the River is Kent's main chalk stream and as such is a precious and rare example of a natural environment that we have a duty to look after for future generations. Sadly, the Stour is already under pressure due to human activity, particularly abstraction and pollution, the latter from farm run off and sewage discharge. Plans for water supply and sewage discharge for any new building in the area of the Stour needs to take extra care not to place any additional burden on an already degraded environment.

In addition, please be alive to the wildlife that is native to the chalk stream environment, in particular ensuring that no man-made barriers are created that prevent the free flow of migrant (and non-migrant) fish up and down the river.

Good luck with your plans, but please take care of the River Stour.

Regards

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