

Sheep's Green, Cambridge: Application Form for Bathing water Designation from Cam Valley Forum

Fill in this form to apply for a coastal or inland water to be designated as a bathing water.

You should read [designate a bathing water: guidance on how to apply](#) first.

Return this form and the supporting information by 31 October for the site to be considered for designation in the next bathing season.

You can return this form and supporting information by email or post.

Send applications by email to: bathingwater@defra.gov.uk

If you're posting your application, email bathingwater@defra.gov.uk to let us know.

Send applications by post to:

Bathing Waters Team
Defra
Seacole Block
2 Marsham Street
London
SW1P 4DF

If your application is incomplete, we will return it to you and ask you to supply the missing information by a set deadline.

[Find out how we use your personal information](#)

Application Form from Cam Valley Forum for Bathing water Designation at Sheep's Green Cambridge.



Your details

Name

Organisation name (if applicable)

Address

Email

Telephone

Site details

Name of the proposed bathing water

Opening times

Tell us if the site is only open at certain times of day or year

Address of the site (including postcode, if available)

Sheep's Green, Cambridge CB3 9PA

Where people bathe

Mark the proposed bathing water from point A to B on a map or provide 8-figure Ordnance Survey (OS) grid references to show the area where most people bathe.

You can use the [OS explore tool](#) to find grid references for your site.

Have you attached a map with your application?

Type yes or no

Yes

If you have not attached a map, give 8-figure OS grid references to show the area where most people bathe

Letter of support from the local authority

You must provide a letter of support from the local authority, signed by an appropriate head of service or above. This local authority will have legal duties if the bathing water is designated, such as putting up bathing water signage.

Name of the local authority

Cambridge City Council

Name of the person who signed the letter

Cllr Sam Carling

Job title or role of the person who signed the letter

Executive Councillor for Open Spaces and City Services

Address of the local authority (including postcode)

PO Box 700 Cambridge CB10JH

Email address of the person who signed the letter

Sam.Carling@cambridge.gov.uk

Telephone number of the person who signed the letter

01223 457000

Have you included a letter of support from the local authority with your application?

Type yes or no

Yes

Letter of support from each landowner

If the site is privately owned and you are not the landowner, you must provide a letter of support from each landowner.

Name of the landowner

Cambridge City Council

Address

PO Box 700 Cambridge CB10JH

Email address

C/o Sam.Carling@cambridge.gov.uk

Telephone number

01223 457000

Have you included a letter of support from each landowner with your application?

Type yes or no

Yes

Number of bathers

Do user surveys on 2 days during the bathing season to count the number of bathers. [See guidance on how to do site surveys.](#)

For a site to be eligible for designation, it must be used by an average of at least 100 bathers a day during the bathing season (15 May to 30 September).

You should do the user surveys during weekends, bank holidays and school holidays, when the site is at its busiest.

Do not include other water users such as paddleboarders or kayakers.

Names of the people (and organisation, if applicable) who counted the number of bathers in each survey

Cam Valley Forum Volunteers: [REDACTED]

Survey 1

Date

10 August 2023

Times of day you did the survey

12:30-15:30 and 15:50-16:50

Total number of people bathing

237

Survey 2

Date

9 September 2023

Times of day you did the survey

13:00-17:00

Total number of people bathing

478

Photographs

You must take a photograph during each survey to provide evidence of the number of bathers. Include each photograph with your application.

Photographs must:

- be taken at the busiest time of day
- be taken far enough away so that people cannot be identified
- show the whole area most people bathe
- be marked with the date, time and location

If people can be identified in a photograph, do not include it in your application.

Have you attached a photograph of the site taken during each survey?

Type yes or no

Yes

If you answered no, explain why

For example, people can be identified

Facilities and other measures to promote bathing

The proposed bathing water must have toilet facilities bathers can use during the bathing season, within a short distance of up to about 500m from the site.

Where are the toilet facilities?

For example, public toilets or toilets in a local library or pub

6 council owned public toilets, ~120m from the proposed Designated Bathing Water.

What times and days are the toilet facilities open?

For example, 9am to 5pm, Monday to Friday

Open 24/7 during the Bathing Season.

If the toilet facilities are on business premises, you must include a letter from the business confirming that they can be used by bathers.

Have you included a letter from the business with your application? (if applicable)

Type yes or no

Not applicable, they're public toilets, owned and operated by the City Council

What other facilities or measures to promote bathing are there at or within a short walk from the site?

For example, parking facilities, public transport, easy access (including disabled access), changing facilities, lifeguards, first aid, litter bins, cafes, shops or kiosks

See also the detailed maps and photographs in the Supplementary Information.

At Sheep's Green.

Concrete quaysides on most of both sides of the river, installed many years ago to allow easy access and egress by swimmers

7 sets of steps to provide access and egress for swimmers, mostly well used. These consist of 2 old and 2 new sets of metal ladders into the river at the Canoe Club quayside (formerly the site of the "town" bathing sheds) 1 set on the concrete embankment on the opposite side of the river, and 2 sets of old brick steps into the river at Hodson's Folly (part of the former "Ladies Bathing Area")

Shallow paddling area for kids in the stream "The Rush". The gravel ramp was designed to make it accessible for children with disabilities.

Cambridge Canoe Club (limited opening hours)

Supervised Learner Pool (open 10:00-18:00 during summer holidays, with changing facilities for Learner Pool users)

Defibrillator on the wall of Cambridge Canoe Club

Picnic tables and BBQ area.

Secure cycle parking with Sheffield Stands for at 20 bikes

Punts, canoes and paddleboards are common on the river at Sheep's Green, and there is a local tradition of combining swimming with punting. Note that under local regulations

from the 'Conservators of the River Cam' (the Navigation Authority), powered water craft are NOT permitted on the upper river Cam, which includes Sheep's Green.

Artistic carved signboard, celebrating the long history of swimming at Sheep's Green

At Lammas Land public park, immediately adjacent to Sheep's Green:

Children's playground, paddling pool, table tennis, bowling green and tennis court.

Car park with 75 parking spaces; 4 disabled parking bays; space for 6 motorcycles.

Secure cycle parking: Sheffield Stands for at 30 bikes

Café with outdoor seating.

Public Toilets with 6 cubicles, including facilities for the disabled and baby changing.

Litter bins

Drinking water fountain.

Low Carbon Transport links:

2 major cycle routes pass through or adjacent to Lammas Land and Sheep's Green

Several bus stops at Lammas Land, including new half hourly "U" buses service, with electric buses connecting Lammas Land with the city centre, railway station, hospital and several major university and employment sites. The Park and Ride bus stops are about 800m away.

Consulting local people, organisations and businesses

Before you submit your application, you must ask local people, organisations and businesses what they think about your proposal.

[Find out how to do a consultation](#)

How did you ask people to take part in the consultation?

For example, website, post, email, local meetings or events, local media or social media

The proposal and consultation were widely publicised, by both those for and against and the application.

- a) on Cam Valley Forum Website and extensively in social media by a variety of organisations, both for and against the proposal.
- b) In mailing lists by a variety of organisations, including Cam Valley Forum, Transition Cambridge, Cambridge Canoe Club, Newnham Riverbank Club and Friends of the Cam.
- c) 10 posters at various sites: at Sheep's Green Learner Pool, in Newnham (the local neighbourhood), outside the Lammas Land café, on the footbridge over the river at Sheep's Green, at local outdoor swimming sites (Newnham Riverbank Club and Jesus Green Lido) and on the fence at Eltisley Avenue, Newnham (which forms a noticeboard for the local community)
- d) 3 interviews on BBC Radio Cambridgeshire on the proposal and consultation. Cllr Pippa Heylings (Libdem South Cambs) was interviewed on ITV Anglia ~6pm on 22/8/23 discussing it.
- e) 2 public consultation events. The first on 8 July to launch the consultation. This was held in a gazebo at Sheep's Green during Cam Swim Picnic, with around 1000 people present. The second consultation event was held in the evening of 29 August, primarily aimed at local residents. This was held in the nearby Newnham Sports and Social Club, attended by 62 people.. Attendees at both events were urged to respond to the consultation, either online, or using paper forms provided.
- f) flyers handed out at Sheep's Green during user surveys, explaining the proposal and giving the QR code for the online consultation
- g) On 15-16 August, a letter from Cllr Jean Glasberg (Newnham ward, Green party) was delivered to all Newnham residents, including a link to the consultation. Other leaflets were delivered to all Newnham residents, mentioning the proposal. One from Labour in June 2023, one from Green Party in early August 2023
- h) Several articles in The Cambridge Independent and Cambridge News about the proposal and urging responses to the consultation.

How long was the consultation open for? Your consultation must be open during the bathing season in the same year you submit your application, for at least 6 weeks

10 weeks: 8 July to 15 September 2023

How many people, organisations and businesses did you ask to respond to the consultation?

We contacted over 42 organisations. In addition, 10's of thousands of individuals were invited to respond via extensive local publicity, including via BBC Radio Cambridge and in the local press as described above.

How many people, organisations and businesses responded to the consultation?

509 responded to the online consultation and in addition 8 organisations responded by emailing letters of support

Which businesses and organisations responded to the consultation?

Do not list any that asked to remain anonymous

Parish, City and District Councils

Cambridge City Council

South Cambridgeshire District Council

Haslingfield Parish Council

Grantchester Parish Council

Swimming and water sports groups

Cambridge Canoe Club

Cambridge University Canoe Club

Friends of Jesus Green Lido

Grantchester Minnows Swimming Club

Slow Swimming

Nature, conservation and river management groups

Cambridge Past Present and Future

Friends of Paradise Nature Reserve

Hodson's Conduit Trust

Harston River Rhee Group

The Rivers Trust

Conservators of the River Cam

Cam Valley Forum

Local Business

Scudamore's Punting Company

Other



Cambridge Federation of Women's Institutes

East Chesterton Women's Institute

St Mark's Church Eco Team

Grantchester PCC

Ickleton Society

Newnham Ward of Cambridge Constituency Labour Party

How many supported the proposal?

471 of the online consultation responses [93%]

23 of organisations [96%]

How many opposed the proposal?

33 of the online consultation responses [6%].

1 organisation [4%]

How many neither supported nor opposed the proposal?

5 of the online consultation responses were “unsure” [1%]

No organisations responded saying they were “unsure” but the Chamber of Commerce responded by email saying they were unable to comment

Provide a summary of the responses. Include reasons given for their views
Include responses for and against the proposal

Here is a summary of some common reasons given in the consultation (see full redacted responses in the supplementary information attached)

Common reasons for supporting designation: 471 responses (93%)

The most common reason for supporting designation was wanting cleaner water in the Cam to reduce the health risks to swimmers, kayakers, punters and other water users.

Some mentioned becoming sick as a result of swimming in the river, for example “*My niece was badly sick all day after swimming in the Cam from Hodson's Folly*”

Fairness was also mentioned, for example: “*The river is a valuable and fundamentally accessible and equalizing space where everyone can enjoy swimming free of charge*”

Others recognised and welcomed the prospect of investment to improve the quality of bathing water that would be likely to be officially rated as “poor” eg “*The water quality of the Cam has degraded significantly over the last 10 years, and investment is desperately required*”.

Common reasons for opposing designation: 33 response (6%)

The most common reason given for opposing designation related to a concern that designation would significantly increase visitor numbers, which in turn would have adverse consequences for the local environment.

“There are no facilities for large numbers of people from across the county attracted to a honey pot DBA destination.....What we don’t want is for this part of the Green river corridor to become a City Council Visitor Destination”

Many of those opposing designation mentioned a concern for the nearby Paradise Local Nature Reserve

“The area will become overcrowded, damaging fragile ecosystems, especially in the nearby Paradise Local Nature Reserve”

Some feared that it would require an expansion of facilities. *“A swimming area would surely need more parking, barbecue areas, fast food etc, and surely risks causing a problem rather than contributing to the pleasure of the existing area.”*

Others felt that in principle *“A DBA [sic] is not the best way of improving water quality”*

What did you do to make sure you got a range of views on your proposal to designate the site as a bathing water?

For example, views from farmers, members of the public, bathers, local bathing groups or local businesses

- a) To ensure a range of views, we contacted organisations from a wide range of sectors inviting them to publicise it via their members/ mailing lists, and/or respond on their own behalf. These included; **water sports** (swimming, kayaking, rowing, punting) . **The upstream famers, landowners and their agents;** Groups involved in **conservation nature and river management**, including River Groups involved in protecting and managing local rivers; **Local councils and elected representatives** (Cambridge City, and the upstream District and Parish Councils, some councillors, and the local MPs); **Local businesses** (punting, café) ; **Tourism and business organisations**, (including Chamber of Commerce and Visit Cambridge). **Other** (eg local churches, medical facilities, schools, political parties, women’s Institutes)
- b) 2 local public consultation events
- c) An event to discuss the proposal with representatives of local Women’s Institutes groups, organised by the Cambridgeshire Federation of Women’s Institutes.
- d) Widespread local publicity of the proposal and the online consultation, as listed in the section above.

Tell us any other information about the consultation or your application

Addressing the concerns of those opposed to designation (33 responses)

Those opposing designation were often doing so because of a rumour that the City Council intended to “promote” the site as a “Visitor Destination” However the council has confirmed that it has no intention of doing so.

This was confirmed by Cllr Katie Thornburrow in her blog

<https://katiethornburrow.com/2023/08/working-to-improve-the-cam/#more-931>

and by Cllr Sam Carling, speaking at the Cambridge City Council Environment and Communities Scrutiny Committee Meeting on 5 October 2023

<https://democracy.cambridge.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=476&MIId=4264&Ver=4>

This should allay the concerns of most of those opposing designation

“Other Measures”

In addition to the formal user surveys undertaken for this application, we note that the legislation (Bathing Water Regulations 2013 section 3.1) requires the Secretary of State to take account of “*past trends and any infrastructure or facilities provided, or other measures taken, to promote bathing at those waters*”. We therefore thought it might be useful to mention the history of swimming at Sheep’s Green, and the regular organised events taking place here. See also, the photos in the supplementary information attached.

There is a well-documented history of swimming in the Cam, going back to 1571, and at Sheep’s Green since at least the 1830s. (Baker’s Map of 1830 marks a ladder into the river on the west bank at Sheep’s Green. Local businessman, Josiah Chater, recalled in his diary how he swam there regularly with other lads in the 1840s.)

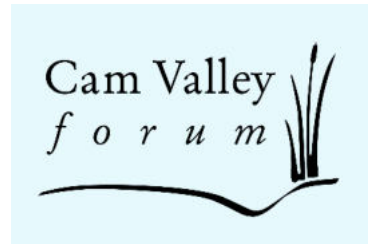
There is a recently installed 2m high artistically carved wooden signboard on site celebrating the history of swimming at Sheep’s Green. The main Canoe Club quayside area was originally the site of the public “Town Sheds” bathing area and was already being used for swimming in the 1890s. A Ladies Bathing Place was opened in 1896 on the southern tip of Sheep’s Green (opposite Hodson’s Folly) for women and girls.

In addition to the 2 formal user surveys above, regular organised events take place at Sheep’s Green, which “promote bathing”. We are aware that organised events cannot be used as part of the user surveys, and hence have not included these in our counts. Nevertheless we are summarising a few examples of organised events below, because we think they demonstrate some of the “*other measures taken to promote bathing at these waters*”

- a) Cam Swim Picnic. This has taken place every July since 2018. In this organised event, registered participants swim in several waves from Grantchester Meadows to Sheep’s Green, then have a picnic with family and friends. On 8 July 2023, over 400 had registered and 319 swimmers completed the swim.

- b) Every year, Cambridge Canoe Club runs a regular programme of courses for their members. These often involve full immersion in the river. These include beginner courses, in which every participant has to do capsize drills, and the popular Sunday “Kids Club” which also usually involves full immersion and swimming.

Supplementary information for application for Designated Bathing Water at Sheep's Green, Cambridge



Evening bathers at Cambridge Canoe Club Quayside at Sheep's Green, September 2023

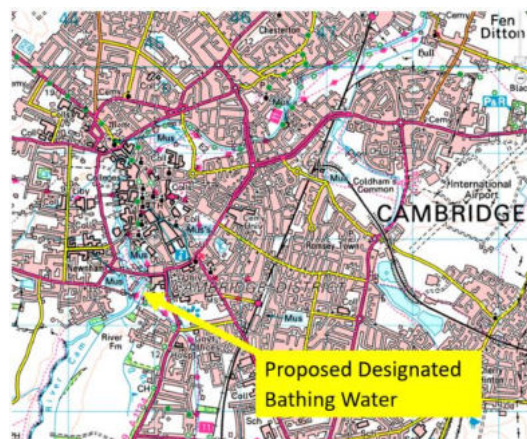
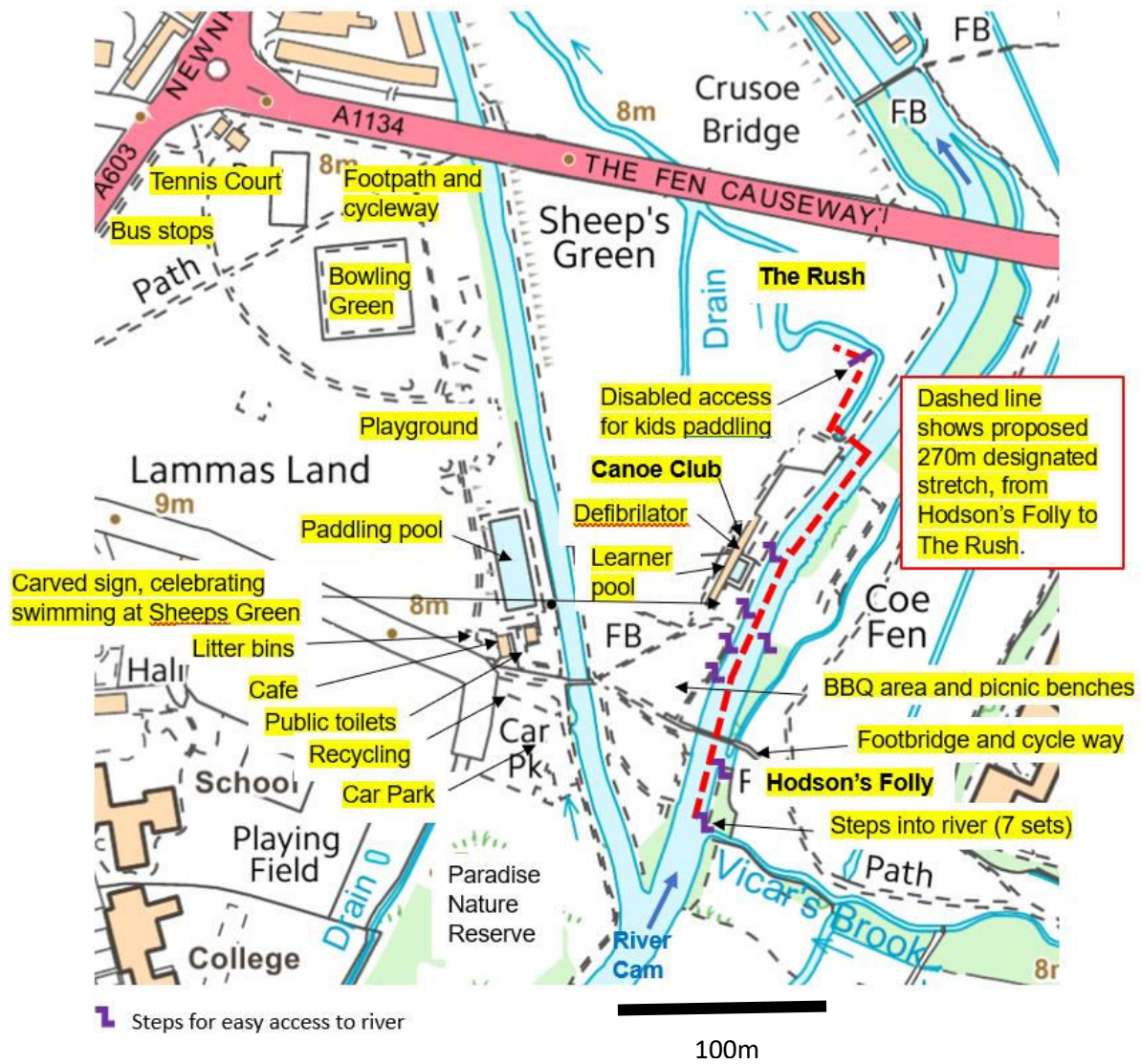
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Maps of the proposed site

Location: Sheep's Green Cambridge, CB39PA, Grid reference 52°11'45.0"N 0°06'59.3"E

Facilities in the immediate area of Sheep's Green



Facilities

These photos show some of the facilities in the Sheep's Green area (see map for precise locations)



Steps into the river: Metal steps in use at the Quayside, brick steps in use at Hodson's Folly



Shelving ramp giving access to The Rush for wheelchair users



Sheep's Green picnic and BBQ area



Public toilets



Benches and sunbathing area beside the Canoe Club



Lammas Land Car Park



Crofters Cafe



Sheep's Green Learner Pool



Lammas Land park



Lammas Land park, paddling pool and some of the bike racks

Pictures from User Surveys

Trees make it impossible to show the whole stretch in a single photo as requested, so for each survey day, we are sharing 3 typical photos: Hodson's Folly, The Canoe Club Quayside, and The Rush. These and other geolocated, dated and timed photos from survey days are available here:

<https://photos.app.goo.gl/jVaVSkza4yswaGfq8>

10 August 2023: 237 bathers over 4 hours.

See also detailed survey report here <https://camvalleyforum.uk/237-bathers/>



Teenagers enjoying swimming from Hodson's Folly



Kids and adults swimming from the quayside in front of Cambridge Canoe Club



Small children enjoy paddling in “The Rush”

9 September 2023: 478 bathers in 4 hours.

See also detailed survey report here <https://camvalleyforum.uk/478-bathers/>



Teenagers swimming from Hodson's Folly



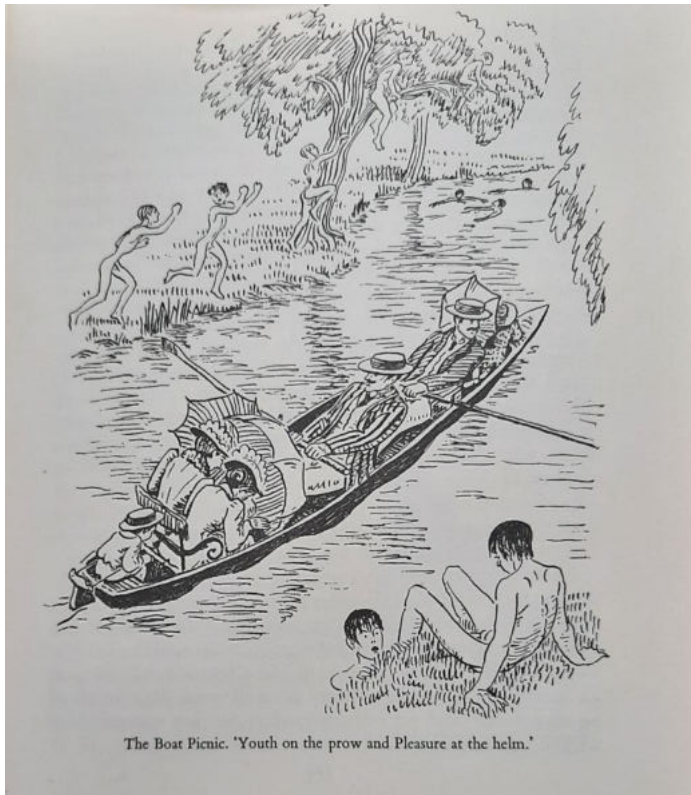
Kids and adults swimming from the Canoe Club quayside



Small children enjoying paddling in the Rush, while parents keep an eye on them.

“Other measures” to promote bathing

A long history of swimming at Sheep’s Green:



Gwen Raverat (Darwin’s Daughter) describes being rowed past the naked men swimming at Sheep’s Green in the 1890s, and drew this picture.



Wooden signboard, celebrating the history of swimming at Sheep’s Green

Sheep’s Green in the 1970s.

The “Town Sheds” 1970s



Regular organised events are held at Sheep’s Green that “promote bathing”

Cam Swim Picnic, held annually since 2018.

<http://www.hamiltonsfitness.co.uk/camswim.html>



Photos of Cam Swim Picnic 8 July 2023

Cambridge Canoe Club training sessions

<https://www.cambridgecanoecub.org.uk/index.php/courses/beginners-courses>

Each summer, Cambridge Canoe Club organises training sessions for beginners from their base at Sheep’s Green. Many of these courses involve capsizing, and hence swimming

Every Sunday in July and September, Cambridge Canoe Club holds a “Kids Club” to help their younger members to improve skills and confidence in the water.



Supplementary information on Consultation.

These tables summarise the organisations we contacted in each of the “required” and “optional” categories. Other organisations were contacted via social media, or indirectly by others using their mailing lists or social media on our behalf.

Required Consultees	Bodies contacted
Landowners	Cambridge City Council
Local Authorities	Cambridge City Council, and the upstream councils: South Cambridge District Council, Grantchester Parish Council, Haslingfield Parish Council.
Bathers and bathing groups	Newnham Riverbank Club, Better (operators of the Sheep’s Green Learner pool), Friends of Sheeps Green Learner Pool, Slow Swimming, Outdoor Swimming Society
Owners and operators of waterside facilities and businesses	Cambridge Canoe Club, Crofters Café, Scudamores Punting
Residents	Posters in local neighbourhood with QR code for consultation
Chamber of Commerce	Cambridgeshire Chambers of Commerce
Tourist Office	Visit Cambridge
Environmental Organisations	Wildlife Trust BCN, Friends of Paradise Nature Reserve, Cambridge Past Present Future, Hobsons Conduit Trust, Natural Cambridgeshire, Natural Cambridgeshire Partnership Forum, Rivers Trust
Farmers and farming Organisations	Trumpington Farm Company, Trumpington Estate, Kings College and their agents Savills, Farming and Wildlife Advisory Group.

Optional Consultees	Bodies contacted
Water users and water sports clubs	Cambridge Canoe Club, Cambridge University Canoe Club, Cambridge University Swimming & Water Polo club, Cambridge Rowing Association
Visitors	Student water sports groups (see above)
Business representative groups	Cambridge BID
Civic Groups	Cambridge Federation of Women’s Institutes, Newnham Croft Primary School, Leys School, Newnham Walk Surgery, St Marks Church

Photos of some of the posters publicising the consultation in the local area



Appendices

Appendix 1 : Letters in support

Cambridge City Council (land owner and local authority)

Cambridge Canoe Club

Conservators of the River Cam (The Navigation authority)

Cambridge Federation of Women's Institutes

East Chesterton Women's Institute

South Cambridgeshire District Council

Grantchester Parish Council

St Marks Church Eco Group

Appendix 2: Online Consultation responses

Full (but redacted) set of responses

In case of enquiry contact
Email: sam.catling@cambridge.gov.uk



Cam Valley Forum
C/O [REDACTED]

16th October 2023

Designated Bathing Water Consultation: Sheep's Green

Dear Anne,

I am writing on behalf of Cambridge City Council to provide formal support for Cam Valley Forum's application to DEFRA for Bathing Water Designation at Sheep's Green. The surrounding land is owned by Cambridge City Council, and we are the relevant local authority.

The Council on 20th of July 2023 considered a Motion titled Stop Dumping Sewage in our River and Chalk Streams, which stated that *"in order to reduce threats to the River Cam and its tributaries caused by pollution and over-abstraction"*, the Council agreed *"to evaluate the potential of a formal application to Defra for an inland water stretch along the River Cam within Cambridge City Council boundaries to be designated as a bathing site, working with Anglian Water and local partners such as Cam Valley Forum, in order to secure an improvement in water quality while also taking into account the impact of any increased usage and avoidance of significant additional cost; and requests a report on this to the Environment & Community Scrutiny Committee to inform a balanced decision by the Executive Councillor"*

The decision process and requirements to support a Designated Bathing Water (DBW) application are set out in this 2023 motion with the requirement for a full report to be considered at the Environment & Community Scrutiny Committee to help inform a decision by the Executive Councillor for Open Spaces and City Services.

At the Environment and Scrutiny Committee on 5th October 2023 a report was presented that considered swimming in the river Cam. This report considered the water quality concerns, the impact on human health from that water quality and from other risks, financial implications, and a range of other considerations important to be understood to allow the City Council (as landowner) to decide whether to agree to support an application for Designated Bathing Water Status for Sheep's Green.

After consideration of this report, I am delighted to inform you that the City Council supports the Cam Valley Forum application to the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs for an inland water stretch along the River Cam at Sheep's Green, within Cambridge City Council boundaries, to be designated as a bathing water site.

Yours sincerely,

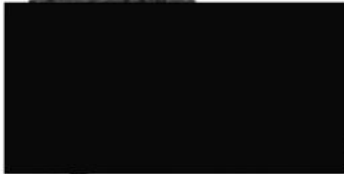
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CONSERVATORS OF THE RIVER CAM

Navigation authority for the River Cam, between Cambridge and Bottisham Lock

Cam Valley Forum



Cam Conservancy
Clayhithe Office
Clayhithe Road
Horningsea
Cambridge
CB25 9JB

www.camconservancy.com

clerk@camconservators.org.uk

6 September 2023

Dear Cam Valley Forum

The Conservators have read and considered the Cam Valley Forum proposal for a designated bathing water status for Sheep's Green and are in support of this application.

Yours sincerely

Catherine Hurst
Chair to Conservators

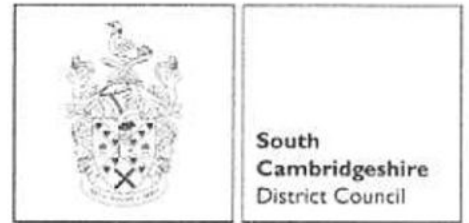
Conservator's Office Clayhithe Rd, Horningsea Cambridge CB25 9JB

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Telephone : 01223 863785

Website : www.camconservators.org.uk

South Cambridgeshire Hall
Cambourne Business Park
Cambourne
Cambridge
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www.scambs.gov.uk



Cam Valley Forum



Email: climateandenvironment@scambs.gov.uk

13 September 2023

Dear Anne Miller,

Designated Bathing Water Consultation: Sheep's Green

I am writing on behalf of South Cambridgeshire District Council, in response to the consultation invitation extended by Cam Valley Forum. The Council is in support of this application to DEFRA for Bathing Water Designation at Sheep's Green – the results of the feasibility study we conducted found Sheep's Green to be a potential site for a bathing designation.

In September 2022, our Council passed a motion highlighting the over usage of storm overflows and resultant poor water quality in the District's waterways. We clearly share concern for the health of our freshwater chalk streams, which has been negatively impacted by the overwhelming of the small sewage treatment works in South Cambs. The Council is supportive of actions to improve water quality; it is our hope that a bathing designation, with its associated monitoring requirements, would only strengthen the case for water infrastructure improvements, and safeguard the health of our waterways and river users.

We support Cam Valley Forum in this application.

Yours Sincerely,



Cllr Bridget Smith
Leader, South Cambridgeshire District Council

Grantchester Parish Council

Chair
Dr Lesley Sherratt
[REDACTED]

Clerk
Mr John Hammond
[REDACTED]

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To Cam Valley Forum

Re: Bathing Water Designation of River Cam

Dear CVT

Grantchester Parish Council met on 18 September 2023 and considered your proposal to seek Bathing Water Designation for the River Cam at Sheep's Green.

As a parish which borders the River Cam, the Council **fully supports your campaign.**

The Council has concerns regarding the quality of the water flowing past Grantchester Meadows and hope that this designation will provide some clarity concerning the way forward to improve the River Cam water quality.

Yours sincerely



John Hammond
Clerk to Grantchester Parish Council



Granta Place, Mill Lane, Cambridge CB2 1RS Telephone: 01223 359750
www.scudamores.com

To whom it may concern,

I am writing on behalf of Scudamore's Punting Company in response to the Cam Valley Forum's consultation on plans to submit an application for Designated Bathing Water status for Sheep's Green in October 2023, in order to help clean up the sewage pollution of the Cam.

As the oldest leisure boat hire operator in the city, we maintain a close interest in the health of our river. Scudamore's have been synonymous with boating in Cambridge for over 100 years, with thousands of boat trips taking place on the upper stretch of river each year. Furthermore, there has long been a tradition of combining two outdoor pursuits by bathing from punts on warm summer's days by Sheep's Green and further upstream along Grantchester Meadows. Over the years the deterioration in water quality is something that has been noted by our customers and staff alike, and we are deeply concerned about the future state of our river, with pollution and over-abstraction now recognised as two of the most significant threats to what should be Cambridge's most treasured natural asset. Scudamore's therefore fully supports Cam Valley Forum's proposals to bid for Bathing Water Designation at Sheep's Green.

Yours Sincerely,

James Barton-Williams
Operations Manager
Scudamore's Punting Company



Cambridge Canoe Club

7th June 2023

CVF Designated Bathing Water Proposal at Sheep's Green

Dear Anne

Thank you for addressing our Committee Meeting yesterday evening outlining the Cam Valley Forum's proposals to designate the stretch of the Rive Cam that flows past our Clubhouse on Sheep's Green as 'Bathing Water'.

As a Club whose core activity revolves around the use of the river, we of course welcome any proposal to improve the quality of the water within the River Cam.

Longer serving members of the Club remember when the water was considerably clearer and ran with more volume, even through the summer than it does now, so we agree that action is now long overdue.

With the continued urbanisation of Cambridge and surrounding villages, we also acknowledge the circular pressures on increased volumes of water abstraction, the production of waste water, and the co-existence of recreational activities and space occurring with the river.

Cambridge Canoe Club was founded in around 1978, taking a lease on the old Basket Store building in the early 1980's, and has been our base ever since.

The Club has the distinction of being the largest (by membership) within the country, and has a diverse membership covering just about all aspects of canoeing activities.

With such a vibrant and diverse membership, the Club is open for paddling at practically all times of the day and night, either training for competitions, having produced one Olympic games sprint paddler, one freestyle world champion, and a good number of Premier Division slalom paddlers. There are active and experienced white-water paddlers, sea kayakers, touring boaters, general recreational paddlers, along with families, and a thriving junior section. Thus, the area outside of the Club is intensively used by members as a base for their activities throughout the year.

We have been instrumental in the clearance of floating pennywort from the upper rivers over previous years, and more recently has assisted the work of the CVF in clearing areas of the lower river.



The Club undertakes regular river-cleaning sessions, removing general litter and rubbish, increasing the frequency of these during the summer months and increased use of the river by recreational users.

Around eight years ago, the Club obtained some grants and funded the addition of two new sets of steps on the riverbank, to supplement older sets which were beginning to get towards the end of their useful life. These benefit not only our members but other river users.

For many years, we have supplemented the City Councils Open Spaces Team periodic grass cutting activities, with our own weekly rota of cutting the grass outside of the Club during the summer growing season. The prime reason here was to prevent long wet grass cuttings from finding their way into our changing rooms and clogging up our shower drains, however as I hope you will appreciate, we have improved this grass amenity space for the benefit of river bank users.

We would not wish to see any canoeing demarcation zones restricting areas in front of the Canoe Club, or the riverbank for canoeing activities.

At peak times of demand and use of the Club over the warmer months, it's not uncommon for several formal coached training sessions or courses to be taking place concurrently, along with our recreational members. We have always managed to co-exist with other users, without constraints or formality. Which raises the question of who would police or enforce such restrictions?

With the increased popularity of inflatable canoes and stand-up paddle boards, there has been a marked increase in the number of individuals, families or groups meeting in the Lammas Land car park and using the river bank as a launching point. As a Club, we therefore have no control or jurisdiction over these individuals, and indeed question if they have paid the appropriate fee to the Cam Conservators for a valid river licence.

A better separation might be achieved by positively encouraging and focussing swimming and sun-bathing activities to take place at the southern tip of Sheep's Green on the former site of the Ladies Bathing Place. This would require signage and more appropriate river edges and new steps. It has the advantage of being slightly closer to the public WC's and refreshment kiosk, as well as the repositioned gate to the Learner Pool adjacent to the changing rooms.

Water quality, which if periodically tested during this summer bathing season at points along this designated stretch of bathing water, relies wholly on the quality of water within the upstream catchment area.

Given the single most contributing factor to the quality of water within the Cam is governed by the quite staggering volume and frequency of discharges from the Haslingfield sewage works, then tackling this at source would have the greatest contribution to raising the water quality.

Maintaining bathing quality water all year round should be seen as the aim of this exercise, and not just a 'summer bathing season' since our paddling activities are year-round, as with other user groups of the river who actively use the river all year round.



A couple of notes of caution and temper to consider to this proposal:

Hot summers, cool water and teenagers with time on their hands usually involves a spot of fun, which can very quickly cross the line into anti-social behaviour, bombing punts from river bank and bridges, climbing onto the roof of the Pool Changing Rooms and jumping into the Learner Pool etc. You are never going to stop this, but perhaps encourage a greater incidence.

The proposed stretch of water supports some very long river weed growth during the summer. You may recall the incident around eight years ago when a teenager swimming with his friends one evening, became tangled in the weed and unfortunately drowned. Members of the Club assisted the emergency services with his recovery.

We certainly wish you well with this initiative and you can be sure that it will have the support of all the members of Cambridge Canoe Club. Do please us informed of how this worthwhile initiative develops.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nigel". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Nigel New
On behalf of the Committee of Cambridge Canoe Club

3 October 2023

Cambridge Federation of Women's Institutes Support of Bathing Water Designation at Sheep's Green

Dear Sir/Madam,

Cambridge Federation of Women's Institutes are writing to support the Bathing Water Designation at Sheep's Green.

The National Federation of WI's current campaign is '**Clean rivers for people and wildlife**'. The WI believes that, "the water quality in our rivers, is shameful. Legally, designated bathing waters must be regular monitored for pollution.". Throughout the UK WI members are being urged to support and promote applications for official designated bathing sites on appropriate stretches of river in the area.

Many of our Cambridge members are dismayed at the state of the River Cam and its tributaries as we live in this area. We greatly value the chalk stream wildlife and have been saddened at its poor or non-existence due to stretches of the river drying up. Many of our members remember swimming in the river, especially at the Sheep Green and in fact, some still do.

It is our hope that this designation will lead to improvements in the River Cam.

Your sincerely



Sue Smales
Chairman of the Cambridge Federation of WIs

East Chesterton Women's Institute

Chesterton Methodist Hall, Chesterton.

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East Chesterton Women's Institute and Bathing Water Designation at Sheep's Green

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Many of our members are very dismayed at the state of the River Cam and its tributaries as we live in this area. We greatly value the chalk stream wildlife and have been saddened at its poor or non-existence due to the parts of the river drying up. Scientific research has shown that the river is sometimes contaminated by faecal material from poorly functioning, local sewage works, especially those upstream of Cambridge city. They need upgrading in the near future.

I, the East Chesterton WI President, Jenny Egbe remember swimming in the river, especially at the Sheep Green in the hot summer in the 1970s. may of our older members have swum there and in other parts of the river. Some of us still do accompanied by our families.

It is our hope that this designation will lead to improvements in the River Cam.

Your sincerely

Jenny Egbe

President of East Chesterton WI



ST. MARK'S CHURCH, BARTON ROAD, CAMBRIDGE, CB3 9JZ

10th August 2023

To Whom It May Concern,

RE: CVF Designated Bathing Water Proposal at Sheep's Green

We write in support of the Cam Valley Forum's application for a Designated Bathing Water area. As St. Mark's Church Eco Team we are constantly looking at ways to improve the area around our church and across Cambridge. We believe that the application will enhance the use of the River Cam and provide a safe and clean swimming area both for local and Cambridge residents as a whole. We also believe that a Designated Bathing Water Area will ensure that the quality of the water in this part of the Cam will be suitable for swimmers and other users of the river as well as improving the environment for our local wildlife.

The application mentions that the water will be tested regularly throughout the bathing season. We welcome this move and believe that it will improve the general condition and quality of the Cam and that regular monitoring will address issues with the water quality swiftly. We are also supportive and encouraged by the application's proposals to enhance the area around the Designated Bathing Area- planting on the banks, the replacement of decaying steps etc. These proposals will enhance an already popular area used by many residents/families in our local area and Cambridge as a whole.

Yours faithfully,

The Reverend Bethan Rodden and the St. Mark's Church Eco Team

Timestamp	Where do you live (postcode)	Do you support the application	Please explain why you do, or do not support the application	How often do you come to the river or river bank at Sheep's Green, Cambridge	Organisation (if any)
7/8/2023 12:00:30	CB29GU	Yes	I support the application	Several times a year	
7/8/2023 13:13:36	Sg85qb	Yes	I am regularly on river 4 times a week	Once a week, or more	
7/8/2023 13:24:11	Al69ug	Yes	Because British rivers are not sewage dumping areas	Several times a year	
7/8/2023 13:24:41	CB2 9be	Yes	The river in Cambridge is a beautiful resource enjoyed by many. The diversity of the wild life is so important to maintain. Furthermore the river is enjoyed by swimmers and water sports enthusiasts, it's so important we maintain this beautiful resource and keep it safe for use	Once a day, or more	
7/8/2023 13:31:44	NR28 0BL	Yes	I swim in this water regularly	Several times a year	
7/8/2023 13:32:15	CB12NU	Yes	There are many swimmers in this part and higher up through Granchester Meadows and I think it is important to ensure their safety.	Once a day, or more	
7/8/2023 13:51:40	Sg4	Yes	It should be safe and clean for people to swim in	Several times a year	
7/8/2023 13:52:55	Sg4 8ug	Yes	Leisure swimmer	Rarely or never	
7/8/2023 13:56:56	ME19 4RT	Yes	Bathing in open water in clean rivers and seas is essential for health	Several times a year	
7/8/2023 13:57:03	Norwich	Yes	Eco swimming and community spirit	Several times a year	
7/8/2023 14:05:33	SG54LL	Yes	Because as a lover of wild swimming there are not enough safe places. Cambridge is a populated area with a natural source of water very close by, which means that it is accessible to the local population very easily. There are both health benefits and transport benefits for this, as people can walk/cycle here.	Several times a year	
7/8/2023 14:45:24	CB1 2PY	Yes	I would like clean healthy water in our river	Once a day, or more	
7/8/2023 16:02:51	CB1 3NE	Yes	I like clean water to swim.	Once a month, or more	
7/8/2023 16:33:20	CB23 2TR	Yes	I support the application because I think it is important to clean up the sewage pollution of the Cam	Once a month, or more	
7/8/2023 16:37:45	CB232TR	Yes	There should be a clean, safe and free space for people in Cambridge to experience the river and benefit from immersion in nature	Once a week, or more	
7/8/2023 17:49:05	PE1 4BH	Yes	This is a safe place to swim & the water should be good enough too. Its only a small section & the river should be available to all.	Several times a year	
08/07/2023	sg86hu	Yes	none	Once a month, or more	
08/07/2023	cb12nu	Yes	to release the funding for a cleanup of the rivers. Why did so many fish die in the river recently. I swim most days and have started getting ill recently. Young people swim in the river- they should be able to do without getting ill	Once a day, or more	
08/07/2023	aberystwyth	Yes	all rivers and other watercourses should be of the best achievable quality, for people and nature. And not just in the short term, bathing waters also need to be suitable for use without concern for health and wellbeing. this application is a step towards this and I fully support it.	Several times a year	
08/07/2023	gu72pw	Yes	just done the cam swim picnic swim and it was beautiful. IT would be great to be a designated swimming areas and to be able to enjoy it safely	Rarely or never	
08/07/2023	cb19gf	Yes	its nice to swim in the cam	Several times a year	
08/07/2023	cb29ew	Yes	i support the application because I'd like to be able to swim in clean water in the Cam around Grantchester	Once a month, or more	
08/07/2023	cb214rp	Yes	our daughter swims regularly in the Cam. We are concerned that the Cam is clean	Several times a year	
08/07/2023	sg193jy	Yes	I DO support the application - to add pressure to clean up the river, remove sewage input, increasing ecological benefits - to have a clean space to swim.	Once a week, or more	
08/07/2023	cb39jz	Yes	i swim regularly and am often concerned, particularly after heavy rain about the quality. I am also keen to improve water quality for the environment and nature. IT seems a very straightforward way we can care for the environment around us. in summer I swim once a week or more, in winter, once a month	Once a week, or more	
7/9/2023 7:56:27	NN14 4JL	Yes	I support this application. We use the river for swimming and paddleboarding and find these activities support good mental and physical health. Due to the local facilities, toilets, kiosk and parking this is an ideal spot, especially as one of our family has difficulty walking very far.	Once a month, or more	
7/9/2023 11:11:24	Cb1 2nu	Yes	For the environment	Several times a year	
7/9/2023 11:13:41	M3 5AX	Yes	I don't want sewage in the water thank you	Rarely or never	

7/9/2023 11:38:39	B12 9NH	Yes	Environmental and there should be no sewage in the water!	Several times a year
7/9/2023 14:57:06	Grimston, West Norfolk	Yes	I have swum at Sheep's Green in the Slow Swim and am keen to come again in the future	Several times a year
7/9/2023 17:38:55	CB1 7AR	Yes	Because I swim every day in the Cam.	Once a day, or more
7/10/2023 6:20:41	Cb23 7pw	Yes	Swimming regularly in the Cam I am regularly experiencing the pollution of the river, designated bathing water would protect both swimmers and wildlife	Once a week, or more
7/10/2023 13:20:34	CB4 1YY	Yes	I swim at Granchester Meadows not far upstream which is relatively clean but at my own risk. I would like those with families to enjoy also in a safer area in location more suited to children. If this application successful the closer monitoring by an authority will hold any business or person accountable if they contribute to making it unsafe to do so.	Once a week, or more
7/10/2023 13:30:49	SE5 7TT	Yes	I enjoy swimming in rivers and lakes and the sea and my local lido and take part every year in the slow swim and picnic at sheep's green as it is close to where my parents in law live. I believe the river is a resource for everyone and as such needs to be properly tested and the water quality investigated and any sources of pollution cleared up.	Several times a year
7/11/2023 21:21:06	CB43NN	Yes	I swim in the river on Sheep's Green when it is very warm. More regularly, I volunteer to teach kayaking courses at the canoe club located on the designated stretch of river. The courses at beginner level involve the group undertaking a capsize and swim to the bank. For obvious safety reasons, this is a requirement from the club. It would clearly be much better if the 100+ people the club teaches on beginners courses each year could learn safety skills without exposure to dirty water. My more advanced courses focus on sea kayaking, where techniques to deal with unexpected capsizes are clearly critical. Teaching these courses, I regularly find myself swimming in the river, with my students. It would be nice if we could teach techniques for safe kayaking and get people engaged with a new sport without facing the dangers of polluted water!	Once a week, or more
7/15/2023 12:22:25	Cb225ja	Yes	The water quality in the Cam is currently abysmal!	Once a month, or more
7/19/2023 16:35:12	CB3 9JN	Yes	The Cam is a lovely natural environment and geographical feature that is essential to Cambridge identity. As someone who lives very near the river, it is deeply upsetting to see what has happened to water quality and how little the sewage companies actually care about our natural environments. On a personal level, swimming in wild places does great things for my mental health and making me feel more connected with nature. It is exactly our disconnection that has led to such an environmental crisis. Allocating Sheep's Green as a bathing area would be a great recognition of the social and environmental importance of the Cam in Cambridge.	Several times a year
7/19/2023 17:25:31	CB5 8--	Unsure	The aim should be to clean up the river, rather than the paddling pool or swimming pool at Coe Fen. People swim from Granchester Meadows and Skaters Meadow.	Once a week, or more
7/19/2023 20:51:57	CB29AW	Yes	The river is a mess and a bathing water status will force something to be done to protect swimmers and wildlife from pollution	Rarely or never
7/21/2023 7:35:50	CB1 3TQ	Yes	I am a regular river user and would like to see nature thrive in it as well as feel safer when paddling and swimming in it	Once a week, or more
7/22/2023 20:14:49	CB2 9AN	Yes	I swim almost every day all year round in the Cam. It is a wonderful resource. Encouraging folks you and old to swim in clean water in a safe environment (instead of TikTok etc.) is an excellent idea.	Once a day, or more
7/27/2023 16:08:35	CB4	Yes	I think the river should be made and kept safe for swimming	Rarely or never

7/28/2023 16:04:49	CB22 3AB	Yes	There is a growing desire in the UK population for taking part in activities in nature, as part of a focus on health and well-being. This trend was accelerated during the pandemic. Some of these nature-based activities take place in water and include 'wild swimming', stand-up paddleboarding and canoeing. This has resulted in more people taking recreation in the UK's rivers, including in the River Cam. Partly as a consequence of this change, society has become more aware of the poor water quality in many rivers, and has led to campaigns to improve the quality of water. Cambridge Past, Present & Future supports this application because it will enable people who swim in the river to understand the health risks to them (this includes people who may wish to swim in other sections of the river, such as Grantchester Meadows) and because it will provide better evidence on water quality in the river and drive change to improve it, which overall will benefit nature along the course of the river and the downstream catchment. We are aware of fears by users of Sheep's Green that the designation could attract large numbers of people to swim there with a detrimental impact on that section of the river and the park. Given experience on other inland rivers (and the fact that there are other well known bathing spots along the River Cam) this seems unlikely but we would encourage you to put in place some systems to monitor numbers and to set out a contingency response in the event that larger numbers of people did have a negative impact.	Rarely or never	Cambridge Past Present & Future
7/28/2023 21:33:02	CB1 1LS	Yes	Outdoor swimming is healthy and joyful, outdoor swimmers would benefit from a designated area that would be clean - something that would benefit all those who walk next to, paddle in, and enjoy the Cam	Several times a year	
7/31/2023 16:47:55	CB21LR	Yes	Recently had vomiting & diarrhoea from swimming in the cam.	Several times a year	
7/31/2023 17:11:11	CB2	Yes	I support the application as this is a popular stretch of river for bathers, as well as being part of an important river for nature. Dumping sewage into rivers obviously should not be allowed, but especially not into a river flowing through a city centre location in which people of all ages, including the vulnerable, swim. I personally used to swim in the river regularly and treasure this for my mental and physical health. I have been too worried to do so since I became pregnant.	Several times a year	
7/31/2023 18:15:55	CB4 1DW	Yes	Wild swimming is one of the best things I know for my mental and physical health, and I'm sure this applies to the community too (apart from when the water quality is too poor!). There is a long tradition of swimming in the Cam (see Byron's pool etc). The river is a part of the commons and private companies (e.g. Anglian Water) shouldn't be allowed to damage it for profit (see the Charter of the forest etc). The improvements necessary to make this a designated bathing area are relatively minor and cheap, so this is low hanging fruit.	Once a month, or more	
8/2/2023 7:15:20	CB3 9JF	Yes	The Cam is a wonderful resource for the community to use for swimming and other water-based activities. I know that a lot of people don't use it because they consider it too polluted.	Once a month, or more	
8/2/2023 10:57:18	CB4 1YZ	Yes	I swim a few times/year in this portion of the Cam and have fallen ill after swimming in the past. Visibility of water quality would help residents' health, and will form one more data point in understanding the water quality landscape in our rivers, connecting the data on pollution sources (sewage outflow, agriculture) to the impacts on our swimming water quality.	Several times a year	
8/3/2023 21:51:09	cb18nl	Yes	It makes sense to improve the quality of the river - it is a major source of tourism.	Once a month, or more	
8/4/2023 6:57:13	CB1 8NL	Yes	I have enjoyed swimming in the Cam here but am reluctant to do so currently due to pollution. It's a good local resource in a crowded city that needs outdoor leisure places.	Several times a year	
8/4/2023 10:28:18	Cb1 3qp	Yes	I love open water swimming but am hesitant to swim in the Cam because of uncertainties around pollution. Knowing that the water is clean would let me swim much more often. One of the pleasures of river swimming is the chance to see water plants and creatures up close: a cleaner river will benefit nature. Currently I don't often come to Sheep's Green but I would if the water were cleaner.	Several times a year	
8/4/2023 10:39:41	CB5 8NH	Yes	It would benefit both people and wildlife - hopefully along the entire length of the Cam.	Several times a year	
8/4/2023 17:15:58	Great Shelford	Yes	It is important that are rivers are safe and available for leisure activities	Once a month, or more	
8/4/2023 21:58:21	CB1 8RJ	Yes	I grew up in Cambridge regularly swimming at Sheeps Green as a child, and it is a really special part of Cambridge. I now am regular river user, rowing several times a week on the Cam and would love to do more swimming in the Cam, but I have been completely put off by the levels of pollution. It would be amazing if sheeps Green was designated as a swimming area so the water quality improves for all parts of the river Cam.	Several times a year	

8/4/2023 22:15:42	CB4 1ju	Yes	I swim several times a week at Sheep's Green over the winter on the days when Jesus Green Lido is closed. I also kayak from there sometimes. Swimming there has brought me so much joy in the depths of winter, made me feel closer to nature, and contributed to building some meaningful friendships with other swimmers. But we do worry about the water. Designating Sheep's Green as a bathing water area could speed up the process of holding those accountable for putting sewage in the river. Aside from the the swimmers, the wildlife would also benefit. My only suggestion is to please monitor the water all year around - we don't swim the the river from May to September due to biting mites in the warmer water and our bathing season is September to May!	Once a week, or more	
8/5/2023 0:56:52	CB2 9EA	Yes	I swim in the river and canoe, I have a number of concerns about sewage possibly being discharged into the river and hazards to human health and also wildlife	Once a week, or more	
8/5/2023 1:22:17	CB2 9HE	Yes	I support outdoor exercise and the improved environmental impact.	Once a month, or more	
8/5/2023 4:33:39	SG8 5dx	Yes	The water needs to be cleaner for swimming and for wildlife.	Several times a year	
8/5/2023 8:55:20	CB2 8DL	Yes	Support - because the health of this river is poor polluted by sewage as evidenced by frequently high levels of human-derived fecal bacteria	Once a week, or more	
8/5/2023 8:58:57	CB22 6SZ	Yes	If successful, this application will go some way to restoring the balance of the Cam back to people and animals rather than as a easy way to release pollutants.	Once a month, or more	
8/5/2023 9:51:49	CB1 3EE	Yes	Historically people used to swim in this part of the river. The structures from their swimming area still exist along the river bank - including the special area for women which has a beautiful folly next to the river. I've seen a photo from the very early 20th century where hundreds of people were in the water at Sheep's	Once a month, or more	
8/5/2023 10:06:11	Cb237pw	Yes	I regularly swim at Sheeps Green	Once a week, or more	
8/5/2023 10:12:50	CB24 9NU	Yes	I've swum regularly at Grantchester Meadows and Sheep's Green for the past 15 years. I welcome any move to improve water quality, which will benefit public health and wildlife habitats.	Once a month, or more	
8/5/2023 10:26:04	Cb13qp	Yes	I would like to swim in and look and smell at cleaner river water!	Once a week, or more	
8/5/2023 11:13:34	CB22 4RA	Yes	I used to swim there and would like to again but only if the water is cleaned of pollutants and sewage	Several times a year	
8/5/2023 12:20:33	cb4 1ah	Yes	I support the application for the sake of the river environment, its natural ecosystems and the river as a place to swim and meet people.	Once a week, or more	Friends of Jesus Green Lido
8/5/2023 12:24:42	CB3 9JG	Yes	I live close to Sheeps Green and would love the water quality to be improved. My niece was badly sick all day after swimming in the Cam from Hodson's Folly nearby. I also canoe in the river about once a month and have taken accidental swims when clearing fallen trees from canoe. It's hard to remember to always keep you mouth shut while swimming!	Once a week, or more	
8/5/2023 13:12:20	CB2	Yes	I strongly support the application to clean the river	Once a week, or more	
8/5/2023 13:32:19	CB10 1SR	Yes	I believe we should be able to swim in or river	Several times a year	
8/5/2023 13:42:57	Cb21 6bq	Yes	Not only is Sheep's Green a good place for river swimming but it's also used for canoes including tuition and testing skills. My children and I learned there thanks to the Canoe Club.	Several times a year	
8/5/2023 14:18:43	cb13ee	Yes	As a regular swimmer in the Cam - I would like to be able to see the quality of the water I am bathing in so I can make an informed decision on when to swim. There are many local advisories about not swimming at times of large rainfall etc. due to sewage and farm effluent but this should be backed up by data.	Once a week, or more	
8/5/2023 15:17:19	CB3 9JL	Yes	The Cam is a beautiful river but its water is not all safe. Such an application might aid us in our hopes of improving the quality of its water.	Once a week, or more	NA
8/5/2023 15:33:32	CB1 8RD	Yes	I would love to swim in the river as I did fifty years ago but am aware of how dirty it is.	Several times a year	
8/5/2023 15:42:25	Cb22 5er	Yes	I like swimming in the Cam and want it to be cleaner.	Several times a year	
8/5/2023 21:13:06	CB21 5JD	Yes	I swim there, as do lots of others, so this area needs to be safe from pollution. Pumping sewage into any water where things live is just wrong.	Once a week, or more	
8/6/2023 10:47:42	CB41JH	Yes	To clean up the water for wildlife(and for swimming)	Several times a year	
8/6/2023 12:11:35	CB4 3BB	Yes	I live close to the river and I can tell it is filthy. I support any efforts to improve water quality.	Several times a year	

8/6/2023 17:05:48	CB39JH	No	<p>Though long ago the town bathing place, Sheep's green is no longer a safe swimming place due to large numbers of canoes, punts and paddle boards on that stretch of the river.</p> <p>There are no facilities for large numbers of people from across the county attracted to a honey pot DBA destination.. no car parking, toilets or changing facilities.</p> <p>If the DBA stretches to Hodson's folly then protected water voles are threatened, and the fragile river banks of Paradise nature reserve. Paradise is already unfortunately used as a public toilet and with large numbers of swimmers this would increase.</p> <p>In summer parties of people would stay into late evening with inevitable noise, music, portable barbecues and serious disturbance of all wildlife, especially protected species of bats, on the river banks and in the reserve. Having a DBA is bound to attract many more users to this quiet and tranquil area of the river bounded by nature reserves.</p> <p>We all want clean water but need the Water authorities to take proper responsibility for this so that swimmers can safely swim in any stretch of the river.</p> <p>What we don't want is for this part of the Green river corridor to become a City Council Visitor Destination.</p>	Once a day, or more	
8/6/2023 22:01:47	CB3 9AW	Yes	I like swimming in the Cam and want to know how the water is and make sure it is cleaned up if needed (it probably is). I currently swim in the Cam in summer when the weather is warm, but I don't feel able to swim for about 48 hours after rainfall because there are frequent storm drain overflows upstream. If the designation were agreed and water quality monitored and improved if needed, I would swim more in the river.	Once a month, or more	Responses as private individual
8/7/2023 8:44:58	Cb4 3hh	Yes	I canoe regularly and swim in the water. Less actively polluted water sounds like an excellent aim.	Once a month, or more	
8/7/2023 8:59:28	CB4 1TX	Yes	I canoe on the river	Once a week, or more	
8/7/2023 9:06:26	CB10 1NP	Yes	I like to have a swim in the river but the water quality is very poor.	Once a week, or more	
8/7/2023 9:06:48	CB13TE	Yes	People need to know the water isn't safe and the water company needs a reason to clean it up	Once a week, or more	
8/7/2023 9:09:09	CB22 4QP	Yes	I kayak on this stretch of water plus assist in running a kids club for kayakers.	Once a month, or more	
8/7/2023 9:12:06	CB4 2LU	Yes	I swim in the cam regularly	Once a week, or more	
8/7/2023 9:17:45	Cb23 4ns	Yes	We should be able to enjoy boating and swimming without fear of getting sick. We need to know when the water quality is poor.	Once a week, or more	
8/7/2023 9:30:18	CB2 8PL	Yes	River swimming is an essential part of connecting with nature, exercise and wellbeing. The water needs to be clean enough and swimmers need confidence that it is so.	Once a week, or more	Grantchester Minnows Swimming Club
8/7/2023 9:36:19	Cb1 3ax	Yes	Rivers are not sewage	Once a week, or more	
8/7/2023 10:05:20	CB24 9JL	Yes	The water quality of the Cam has degraded significantly over the last 10 years, and investment is desperately required. This is a massive attraction to Cambridge, and is used by many people both locally and visiting. The current state of water quality is shameful and must be improved.	Once a month, or more	
8/7/2023 10:07:08	Cb2 9DD	Yes	The river is increasingly used for swimming, so there is currently and increasing health hazard. I am also aware of 3 people who have caught nasty bugs from swallowing river water	Once a week, or more	
8/7/2023 10:12:33	cb2 9er	Yes	Regular swimmer and would prefer to swim in clean water.	Once a week, or more	
8/7/2023 10:13:59	CB4 1ET	Yes	I do swimming and kayaking in the area regularly and worry about my health.	Once a week, or more	
8/7/2023 10:14:37	CB11 4JX	Yes	As a regular Kayaker on this section of the Cam, I'm genuinely nervous about falling in the water and becoming unwell - let alone swimming (which I would love to do. It's a spectacular potential natural resource for the community that's unfortunately spoiled by pollution.	Once a week, or more	
8/7/2023 10:28:14	CB3 0QG	Yes	Our family are regular users of the river for recreational use and this will greatly increase the quality of the water for all water activities and age groups.	Once a week, or more	
8/7/2023 11:21:40	Cb30ry	Yes	Regular canoeists in this stretch, keen to be safer	Once a week, or more	
8/7/2023 11:23:35	CB101SH	Yes	I have swum there since I was a child - I can see how the rivers have deteriorated in wildlife and cleanliness its vital to start somewhere and this is a popular swim spot	Several times a year	Ickleton Society
8/7/2023 12:05:49	CB2 9NF	Yes	make the Cam a safer river for all to use.	Once a month, or more	
8/7/2023 12:27:09	CB28AL	Yes	This sight is commonly used for swimming although the quality of the water is questionable. It would be great to have cleaner, safer water for everyone	Once a week, or more	
8/7/2023 14:32:15	CB62PB	Yes	My Children and I kayak and would ideally like to use a river that is not polluted.	Several times a year	

8/7/2023 16:34:23	PE29 4SQ	Yes	As a regular visitor to the river Cam to swim and paddle in it for the last 15 years I have valued the resource. It is a safe and easily accessible site that gives me and my family the chance to enjoy being in the water with all the mental health and social benefits derived from exposure to the natural aquatic and wild river environment on a regular basis. However where I could easily see the plant life on the bottom of the river and the fish swimming through the weeds, clarity is now very poor at times. Bathing water status with regular measurements and publication of quality would allow me and my family to continue to enjoy this wonderful asset in a safe and informed way to better manage the health risk for me and my children.	Once a month, or more	
8/7/2023 16:34:48	CB2 9EW	Yes	My children and I swim frequently in the river and the designation would help us continue to do so with confidence that we would not be taken ill as a result.	Once a week, or more	
8/7/2023 18:24:05	Cb23 7eg	Yes	This spot is always busy with swimmers	Once a month, or more	
8/7/2023 18:38:29	CB21NE	Yes	As a keen user of the Cam, both for swimming and kayaking, it's been very upsetting to see the water quality become increasingly bad over the last few years.	Once a week, or more	
8/7/2023 18:46:39	PE28 3EU	Yes	I support The application. Capsize drills are all part of being a member of Cambridge Canoe Club, along with challenging yourself to try new techniques and to try less stable boats for racing that inevitably lead to unplanned swims in summer and winter. Ensuring the water quality is consistently up to standard will prevent sickness for bathers and other recreational and elite users of the River Cam along this stretch and the additional monitoring will ensure people can make an informed decision whether to swim or not. The designation will hopefully lead to Leveraging grants / funds to upgrade the Haslingfield sewage treatment works upstream and so secure water quality and monitoring into the future.	Once a week, or more	I'm a member of Cambridge Canoe Club
8/7/2023 19:08:50	CB3 9BJ	Yes	I want to swim in the Cam but do not feel safe currently due to the water quality	Once a week, or more	
8/7/2023 19:17:11	Cb2 1ta	Yes	I go kayaking in these waters at least once a week, often twice. Every time there are many other swimmers, and others using the water just over the course of the two hours That seems like the definition of a bathing area, it would be beneficial if it could be designated to allow us to better manage the biological risk when we swim, do wet skills, or get on the water.	Once a week, or more	
8/7/2023 20:17:46	CB1 2LG	Yes	I swim and kayak in the Cam regularly in the summer and believe that the ability to swim in the river in the middle of the city is one of the best things about Cambridge. I would therefore like to have this recognised and to have the quality of the water monitored, displayed (so I can know this before I swim) and ultimately improved.	Several times a year	

8/7/2023 20:18:12	CB1 1BT	Yes	<p>The River Cam is an iconic waterway with historical, environmental, and cultural significance. Protecting the River Cam is essential for several reasons:</p> <p>Environmental Preservation: The River Cam supports diverse ecosystems, including aquatic plants, fish, birds, and other wildlife. Preserving its natural flow and water quality ensures the survival and well-being of these species.</p> <p>Biodiversity: The river provides a habitat for various flora and fauna, contributing to the region's biodiversity. Protecting the River Cam helps maintain this rich variety of life forms, promoting a balanced and thriving ecosystem.</p> <p>Cultural Heritage: The River Cam has deep historical and cultural ties with the city of Cambridge. It has been an integral part of the city's identity for centuries, influencing art, literature, and local traditions. Preserving the river safeguards this cultural heritage and promotes a sense of pride and belonging among residents.</p> <p>Tourist Attraction: The River Cam is a popular tourist destination, attracting visitors from around the world. The scenic beauty and the opportunity to punt along the river are major draws for tourism. Protecting the river enhances the local economy and sustains the tourism industry.</p> <p>Recreational Opportunities: The River Cam offers a range of recreational opportunities, including punting, rowing, and nature walks along its banks. Protecting the river ensures that these activities can continue to be enjoyed by residents and visitors alike.</p> <p>Climate Change Mitigation: Healthy rivers and their ecosystems play a part in mitigating the impacts of climate change. Protecting the River Cam can contribute to carbon sequestration and climate resilience.</p> <p>Educational Value: The River Cam provides valuable educational opportunities for schools and universities. It offers a living laboratory for studying aquatic ecosystems, hydrology, and environmental sciences.</p>	Once a day, or more	
8/7/2023 20:23:57	CB1 1LL	Yes	<p>Ethical Responsibility: As stewards of the natural world, it is our ethical responsibility to protect and we are unable to practice effectively.</p>	Once a week, or more	Cambridge University Canoe Club
8/7/2023 20:24:05	cb4 1gn	Yes	<p>Many of my friends grew up swimming in the cam. It is a big part of a childhood in cambridge, and I worry about the health impact of pollution. The river is already a common bathing destination- making this official would safeguard community health by making pollution information available and hopefully forcing water companies to clean up their act.</p>	Once a month, or more	
8/7/2023 20:32:08	CB4 2WQ	Yes	<p>The cam is a historic and popular place for recreation and current water quality is well below desirable</p>	Once a week, or more	
8/7/2023 20:55:42	CB41PQ	Yes	<p>I regularly use this part of the river for kayaking. I would like to swim, but don't because of the apparent poor water quality. Swimming and other water sports are a great way to improve health and well-being. The water quality needs to be good enough for everyone who wants to make use of it.</p>	Once a week, or more	
8/7/2023 21:17:54	CB21 6AS	Yes	<p>I use the Cam River for watersports</p>	Once a week, or more	
8/7/2023 22:49:02	CB3 ODF	Yes	<p>I have always wanted to swim in the Cam but felt unsure about the water quality. Being able to access water quality status would highly encourage more connection and time spent in nature, promoting both physical and mental health. This is even though I often visit the river to enjoy the nature and dip my toes in the stream near the newt sanctuary in the summer. I would love to be able to enjoy this communal space more.</p>	Once a week, or more	
8/7/2023 22:57:52	cb29ht	Yes	<p>I support the application as the river does not look very clean and when I use the river both for kayaking and swimming I am afraid of submerging my head due to the state of the water.</p>	Once a week, or more	
8/7/2023 23:05:41	CB4 2HJ	Yes	<p>As a member of the local canoe club, I spend a lot of time on and in the river. Water-borne diseases are a constant worry. I hope the application will lead to safer swimming in the Cam.</p>	Once a month, or more	

8/7/2023 23:30:07	N11 1AY for home (Student postcode: changes yearly)	Yes	I am in the cam at least once a week kayaking and nicer water would simply mean more comfort in capsizing and less fear of the diseases within the river	Once a month, or more
8/8/2023 8:04:54	SG8 5eb	Yes	I'd like to be able to swim safely in the river	Once a month, or more
8/8/2023 8:22:13	PE28 9JT	Yes	I kayak and swim in the Cam regularly. Have been sick from poor water quality several times. Also to make life better for local wildlife, for which the river is a full time home.	Once a week, or more
8/8/2023 8:39:46	CB2 1DQ	Yes	Our rivers are extremely polluted and anything to help hold water companies accountable is great in my opinion	Once a month, or more
8/8/2023 9:31:18	CB11LL	Yes	I regularly swim and kayak on the Cam and have had multiple ear infections from the river water and my boyfriend has had swimmers itch for months from kayaking on the Cam	Once a week, or more
8/8/2023 10:25:50	CB2 9NF	Yes	I would like to be able to develop my sons swimming in open water.	Once a month, or more
8/8/2023 11:04:02	CB1 7BZ	Yes	I support the application. The Cam could become a wonderful resource for local swimmers, but at present the water is too filthy and polluted, and many swimmers have become ill from entering the water.	Once a month, or more
8/8/2023 11:05:58	CB22 4RP	Yes	Support good environmental standards.	Rarely or never
8/8/2023 11:19:05	CB1 3BY	Yes	The river is used by many people in cambridge for swimming and other watersports, and is an essential part of the social and cultural life of Cambridge. However, current water quality and sewage discharges result in people getting ill, turning poeple away from these free and easily available activities.	Once a week, or more
8/8/2023 11:59:57	CB1 3LS	Yes	I'm a kayaker and while we're usually above water, in the summer the Cam is a great training ground for practicing so-called "wet" skills like rescues or rolling a boat. It would be great to have confidence that this isn't going to result in illness (or to avoid the days when it is).	Once a week, or more
8/8/2023 12:46:42	Cb17BU	Yes	I love swimming at Sheep's Green, and it's always busy in summer, so I think its really important to have water quality monitoring	Once a week, or more
8/8/2023 13:23:13	CB2 1rl	Yes	Lots of people use the Cam for water sports, and they deserve to have a designated clean space to do so and use public water ways without fear of getting ill from pollution.	Once a week, or more
8/8/2023 13:26:10	Cb39bb	Yes	People swim in the cam all the time including children, that it is so neglected despite this is a massive problem and putting health at risk	Once a week, or more
8/8/2023 14:17:36	CB1 7UE	Yes	Anything that can help improve the quality of water in the Cam is to be welcomed, both from the point of view of local residents, and perhaps more importantly the importance to wildlife. I'd even consider swimming there myself if I felt it was safe!	Once a month, or more
8/8/2023 14:37:41	CB2 9NQ	Yes	I swim there often, as do many many others, and I think it's not unreasonable that we can be sure we're swimming in safe water - at the very least we should be able to expect there isn't raw sewage in such a common bathing spot.	Once a week, or more
8/8/2023 17:10:58	cb39bb	Yes	I swim in River cam	Once a week, or more
8/8/2023 17:11:01	CB13NA	Yes	The river is in a shocking state and needs urgent attention. By cleaning and addressing the present issues all current and potential users can enjoy the benefits the river can offer.	Once a week, or more
8/8/2023 18:44:24	CB24 9HY	Yes	Having been an active member of Cambridge Canoe Club for the past 37 years, I have seen a marked deterioration in water quality over that time. In the 1980's it was not unusual to see almost to the bottom of the river in the summer. Nowadays the river water is often green in colour, which I don't remember back then. Club membership has increased by a factor of four or five in that time, with a consequent increase in activities on the river. Supervised training and games (not to mention accidental capsizes) can involve total immersion in the water, so good water quality is extremely important to us.	Once a week, or more
8/8/2023 23:27:55	Cb39nf	Yes	I welcome the river being clean for swimming as it has been for years - but now at risk because of the poor water quality	Once a week, or more
8/9/2023 6:01:47	Cb3 9NB	Yes	Water quality seems to have deteriorated markedly over recent years. The large number of swimmers using this stretch of river need protection from unclean water conditions.	Once a month, or more
8/9/2023 15:00:12	CB4	Yes	I enjoy swimming and kayaking in the river	Once a month, or more

8/9/2023 15:58:26	CB1 3BU	Yes	I wholeheartedly support this application. I don't think a designation would significantly increase the number of bathers, or deter many current river users from bathing - it has been common knowledge for many years that the water quality in the Cam is unacceptable, and you swim there at a substantial risk to your health. Even so, I enjoy swimming at Sheep's Green particularly and am confident that a bathing designation (with its monitoring requirements and signage) would provide people with reliable information on the water quality, so they can make informed choices on whether they swim. It would also strengthen the case and release funding to upgrade local water infrastructure, particularly at the overwhelmed sewage works at Haslingfield. I value the river as not only an area of natural beauty, but a fundamentally accessible and equalizing space where everyone can enjoy swimming, free of charge. During the summer months, I can't afford to swim regularly at my local pool (£10 per adult swim). I wish I could enjoy the river with less risk to my health, and in the knowledge that the Environment Agency will hold Anglian Water accountable if the water quality is unacceptable.	Several times a year
8/9/2023 17:31:38	CB4 2AN	Yes	I would like to swim with my head down in the water at Sheep's Green. I currently do not put my head in the water when swimming at Sheep's Green.	Once a month, or more
8/9/2023 18:51:06	Cb22 7qq	Yes	It's important to have good water quality to swim in	Several times a year
8/9/2023 19:21:47	CB6 2GG	Yes	To improve the water quality by ensuring accountability	Once a week, or more
8/9/2023 19:45:01	Cb1 3ra	Yes	This is a popular swimming spot and should be protected, not polluted.	Once a month, or more
8/9/2023 20:22:13	CB1 7TG	Yes	Safe water to swim in should be available to everyone	Once a week, or more
8/9/2023 21:12:31	CB1 7UY	Yes	This part of the river has long been used for recreational swimming and it is important that water quality is monitored and improved.	Once a month, or more
8/9/2023 21:12:39	CB3 9EA	Yes	Poor water quality, but mostly unknown status. I am a regular Cam swimmer for at least 8 months a year at the Riverbank club or the meadows	Rarely or never
8/9/2023 21:40:59	Cb24 9xu	Yes	We need cleaner open water swimming places in Cambridge	Once a month, or more
8/9/2023 21:58:02	Cb42ae	Yes	Any levers to clean up the river are worth pulling	Once a week, or more
8/10/2023 0:03:28	CB4 3PD	Yes	I want to see active steps taken to clean up our river, for nature, for swimmers and for all river users. Sewage pollution levels are unacceptable in this day and age.	Several times a year
8/10/2023 2:46:09	PE15 9NZ	Yes	Because I am a super keen open water swimmer.	Once a week, or more
8/10/2023 6:05:01	CB1 8RG	Yes	Is wonderful to swim in the river if clean	Once a week, or more
8/10/2023 7:00:11	Cb23	Yes	Having lift in Newnham for many years I know how much this small stretch of water means to the local community, because that what it, a community that have grownup together and are now bringing their children here to swim and play with their friends, I am also bringing my grandchildren here, because I know I'm making memories for them.	Once a week, or more
8/10/2023 8:33:24	CB1 3dn	Yes	I am a swimmer for my mental health and I am passionate about preserving nature	Once a week, or more
8/10/2023 9:25:43	Cb1 2ll	Yes	I am a regular swimmer and find this essential to my physical and mental well-being, keeping water bathing quality also ensures a healthy ecosystem for our special place on earth.	Once a day, or more
8/10/2023 9:45:44	CB3 0EY	Yes	To help enable improvewater quality of the Cam	Several times a year
8/10/2023 17:15:22	Cb2 8bn	Yes	Just moved locally to the area and it's a really lovely swimming spot :)	Once a week, or more
8/10/2023 17:15:24	Cb4 1he	Yes	Me and my kids love to swim in the river at Sheeps green - it is a wonderful option for locals and we really want to know we're swimming in clean water	Once a month, or more
8/10/2023 22:32:02	CB39EE	Yes	I occasionally swim in the Cam, I think it's a great resource, many more would do it if it were cleaner. A clean environment seems like a natural high priority for myself and many others.	Several times a year
8/11/2023 7:25:09	CB3	Unsure	No downsides presented so comes across a bit 'too good to be true'. A more objective and impartial case would be helpful.	Once a day, or more
8/11/2023 9:33:57	CB20AS	Yes	I regularly swim near this part of the Cam and am aware water quality deteriorates after rainfall	Once a month, or more
8/11/2023 11:06:59	CB11AJ	Yes	I strongly support the application - I swim and paddle this stretch fairly regularly and look forward to having more information on pollution to make those decisions.	Once a week, or more
8/11/2023 14:46:48	CB3 9hj	Yes	The river should be safe for everyone to swim in!	Once a week, or more
8/11/2023 15:25:47	CB23 1LP	Yes	I sometimes swim in the Cam and am concerned about the water quality, particularly after rain	Several times a year
8/11/2023 19:49:38	CB24 5UR	Yes	I swim in the Cam and like the facilities at Sheep's Green. I think it's important that the water gets tested because cleaner rivers benefits everyone.	Several times a year
8/11/2023 21:32:10	N19 3EG	Yes	I'm a long-standing member of the university canoe club, and will gladly support any activity to quantify and improve the water quality of the Cam for all of its users.	Several times a year

NA

8/12/2023 17:59:54	CB3 9JG	No	I don't believe that the area proposed for a DBA can support the amount of extra people that a DBA might attract. Seeing the huge numbers of people in the town and how much this detracts from our enjoyment of the town centre and the nearby green spaces I feel that an attempt to offer another facility for visitors detracts from the peaceful green spaces bordering the river. The river is already full of boats, floats and paddle boards. The proposed area for the DBA has fragile habitats bordering the river and close by. Paradise Nature Reserve is already trying to preserve the endangered species within and a DBA would encroach on the creatures nesting or living close by the river.	Once a day, or more	acting on my own behalf
8/12/2023 18:07:10	CB2 8EU	No	Why does it need to be a DBA, swimmers can swim any time and anywhere they like in the River Cam and have done many years. DBA will potentially attract too many additional swimmers	Once a week, or more	
8/12/2023 18:10:25	CB3 9JG	Yes	I am very concerned about the poor water quality in the Cam and think the Bathing Water Designation is a powerful way to force Anglian Water to clean up the river. I do not think the designation will significantly increase the number of swimmers -- in fact, the Council will be required to post signs indicating that bathing is not advised, which will likely deter swimmers.	Once a week, or more	
8/12/2023 19:04:59	CB3 9JH	Yes	I would love a designated swimming area. Would be a wonderful addition to the area	Once a day, or more	
8/12/2023 19:24:29	CB3 9JD	No	Bathing in the Cam is not safe. We know the water quality is damaged by sewerage overflow. The area of river designated as a possible bathing area is overcrowded with canoes, punts and paddle boards and the river banks are covered in litter. We do not need even more people attracted to this tiny stretch of river. The wildlife is already pressured by often raucous activity particularly on sunny days. This bathing area is not needed. There are pools elsewhere. NO	Once a day, or more	
8/12/2023 19:51:12	CB4 1HD	Yes	I swim in the Cam	Once a month, or more	
8/12/2023 20:18:25	CB4 1px	Yes	Wellbeing and health	Several times a year	
8/12/2023 20:50:21	CB3 9JS	No	The area will become overcrowded and it would be unsafe for swimmers because of all the traffic on that part of the river	Once a week, or more	No
8/12/2023 22:03:59	CB3 9HZ	No	There is too much traffic on the proposed stretch of river already, as Cambridge has become a very popular holiday destination and the use of paddleboards and inflatable craft has grown remarkably. To burden the river with what could be hundreds more occasional swimmers per day would be another instance of killing the goose that laid the golden egg. I write this reluctantly, because I enjoy swimming in the Cam myself, and my grandfather and father-in-law used to swim there too. Of course, if the river never gets cleaned up the issue becomes void, because currently one needs to be brave to venture into it. Would the Cam Valley Forum really have the nerve to invite more swimmers into potentially polluted waters?	Once a week, or more	
8/12/2023 22:47:40	CB2 1AA	Yes	I come to this area during summer time with my two small kids who like to play by the water. The Rush part of the river Cam is a great natural place for kids to play by the water. I was surprised to discover recently that the water quality is not good, hence I am supporting this application.	Once a week, or more	
8/12/2023 23:04:42	CB3 9JH	Unsure	I am unsure about the application for a number of reasons. Firstly, I wonder if a bathing water designation will encourage more people to swim here? I do not swim in the Cam myself but sewage is only one of the risks, which include Weil's Disease, kids jumping off the cycle/foot bridge onto unexpected debris, disturbance of wildlife and damage to plants etc. Secondly, I think sewage in UK rivers and seas is a wider issue, and is a current topic of national debate with many of the water companies being in the news recently. Prevention of sewage spillage into rivers at times of heavy rain will involve significant redesign of treatment works and huge investment, and I wonder if a more systematic national approach for reducing water usage and improving treatment processes would be of wider benefit than a piecemeal one?	Once a week, or more	
8/13/2023 8:42:20	Cb3 9jd	Yes	I swim in the cam already and am frequently worried about the water quality. If I knew it was bathing quality I would be much more inclined to swim more often myself and also invite my friends as I'd be able to tell them that I knew for sure it was clean, as this is often the biggest reason for them against swimming.	Once a month, or more	

8/13/2023 9:20:24	Cb23 7dz	Yes	Swimming in the Cam is a joy. Being able to be in the river with others and enjoy the company and exercise makes me happy. I have made new friends . It is fabulous to be able to see the world from water level . We need to ensure the water is clean so that it is safe to bathe. Sheep's green being designated would help ensure clean water for the whole stretch of the Cam	Several times a year	
8/13/2023 10:16:53	Newton	Yes	I enjoy swimming here and would like the water quality to be better maintained and improved	Once a month, or more	
8/13/2023 10:45:48	CB8 8DT	Yes	Love wild swimming and want others to enjoy it too!	Once a week, or more	
8/13/2023 12:03:04	CB2 8AL	Yes	I would love to swim more often in the Cam but am deterred by the results of water quality testing. An acquaintance nearly died from contracting illness from the Cam	Once a day, or more	
8/13/2023 13:38:44	Cb21aa	Yes	We go to bath in the stream at the rush with our children. It would be nice to guarantee water to be clean.	Once a week, or more	
8/13/2023 18:41:50	CB39LX	Yes	I want to support any action which will help to clean up the river Cam to make it a safer and more attractive environment for both people and wildlife. I believe that applying for this designation will help as it has done in other places and will place statutory obligations on polluters to take action. I think opposition to the designation comes from a desire to discourage people other than a few locals to swim and enjoy the area. If that's the case, it's very unfair on the people in other parts of Cambridge who would like to swim in the river - the Cam belongs to all the city, not just a few people in Newnham village!	Once a month, or more	NA
8/13/2023 18:57:37	CB4 2NN	Yes	I started swimming outside about once a week last year and it has been really good for me! But I put off starting quite a while because it was very hard to find out how safe the water quality was. Letting people see the information directly (and hopefully, making the sewage outflows safer!) would let a lot of people who would like to swim be able to. As would officially marking some of the places where people come to swim so people don't feel that they're not supposed to use the river that is there.	Several times a year	
8/14/2023 13:03:43	CB3 9HP	Yes	We want to be able to swim safely and to improve the important ecology of the CAM	Once a day, or more	
8/14/2023 15:27:15	CB3 9JL	Yes	Creating a DBA formalises the existing state of affairs and will provide the means to improve water quality. Encouraging swimming and water quality hopefully leads to improved infrastructure, better environmental management and protection, as well as more opportunities for outdoor activities for the general public, bringing positive health outcomes.	Once a week, or more	
8/14/2023 15:42:13	CB3 9HA	Yes	This area of the Cam is already a popular swimming site during warm weather, despite the fact that the water quality here and elsewhere in the Cam is often poor, putting swimmers at risk of gastrointestinal illness, respiratory, skin, ear and eye infections. This part of the river is also used by punters, kayakers and paddle boarders, who are at risk from poor water quality too. DBA designation would mean that water quality would be monitored so that these river users would be aware of the level of risk they are taking and a finding poor quality water would provide grounds on which to apply pressure on Anglian Water to improve the water quality. There are already toilet facilities and a café nearby so there need be no new buliding to alter the essentaially rural feel of the area.	Once a week, or more	
8/14/2023 16:16:57	sg193nr	Yes	access to nature is really important for mental health, and this includes wild swimming, which has many recorded health benefits. This can only be done however, if the river is free from sewage and pollution.	Rarely or never	
8/14/2023 18:10:54	CB23 7GZ	Yes	I visit this area frequently & would wish the area to be clean and healthy, to be enjoyed both in and ut of the water & certainly not contaminated by sewage as so many rivers are currently being reported as.	Once a month, or more	
8/14/2023 20:30:14	CB3 9EA	No	What is the environmental impact of this? I'm unsure if this is the best way of improving the water quality. Can the water quality not be measured and the sewage company forced to clean up without this application? There are already many people swimming there, this will just make the river even busier.	Once a week, or more	
8/14/2023 21:12:19	CB3 9BB	Yes	Rivers are so important ecologically to look after and should be able to be enjoyed	Once a week, or more	

8/14/2023 21:33:14	CB3 9EA	No	<p>I know a thing or two about water regulations and know that Anglia Water gets fined every time they release sewage into waterways unless they can prove their systems were overwhelmed with flood water. I also know that Anglia Water and other water companies are actively seeking ways to stop this happening and avoid fines and there are technologies out there which will allow them to prevent sewage spills. Designating a very small insignificant part of river Cam at Sheep's Green as designated bathing area is a bizarre and convoluted way of helping Anglia water to get some government funding for what they should be doing anyway and for the whole river. I have worked in industry for many years and know how the grant system works. They can apply for grants in different ways but this is an easy way for them because somebody else will be doing all the applying and running around on their behalf. So of course they support it. The only thing that will be achieved is lots more people will flock to this stretch of the river thinking it's the new Lido, will find the warning that the water quality is poor and they therefore can't go into the water, many will go in anyway, then hang around drinking, littering and destroying the Paradise Nature Reserve. This is what government money will ultimately be spent on. Lammas Land is already bursting at the seams and there must be a huge bill clearing it up every night plus we get a lot of antisocial behaviour there including drugs and noisy gatherings in the evenings. It will get a lot worse and the whole area will be destroyed, but I suppose the water will be a bit cleaner. until lots of people pee into it and throw their beer cans.</p>	Once a day, or more
8/14/2023 21:43:32	CB2 9NR	Yes	I would like to swim and paddle in unpolluted water	Several times a year
8/14/2023 22:27:57	CB3 0QE	Yes	It will allow a safer and more enjoyable swimming in the Cam for me and many other people.	Once a week, or more
8/15/2023 14:18:55	CB3 9HY	Yes	Let the kids have some old fashioned fun for goodness sake.	Once a week, or more
8/15/2023 16:01:54	CB3 9JL	Yes	Mainly in the hope that it will lead to a clean-up of the river.	Once a week, or more
8/15/2023 16:16:43	CB3 9JF	Yes	<p>Swimming has traditionally been done here but is not currently advisable due to water quality. Although parking and toilet facilities are limited, a DBA at Sheep's Green is consistent with the Learner Poll provision and availability of the Lammas Land Playground paddling pool. Improvement to the quality of water feeding the Rush stream in which children play is highly desirable. Given the lack of maintenance investment over so many years, every pressure is needed on water companies to tackle water quality. If water can be cleaned up for one DBA on the Cam, then safer swimming could be designated elsewhere on the river, including Grantchester Meadows, Laundress Lane and Jesus Green.</p> <p>Water quality should be sign-posted to deter or encourage wild swimming; but there should be no statutory liability laid on the Council. Swimmers must remain individually responsible for their own actions. Promotional marketing campaigns are not necessary. Most swimmers are likely to be local or visitors to Lammas Land. Swimmers should discover the site for themselves.</p>	Once a week, or more
8/15/2023 19:46:32	CB3 9HX	No	<p>I have been swimming in the Newnham stretch of the cam on a daily basis for the last 20 years, well aware of the water quality. I do not support a dba for sheep's green to hodson's folly for the following reasons :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * the amount of visitors to the area will hugely increase, impacting adversely on the currently fragile ecosystems that exist especially in paradise nature reserve * there will need to be an increase in infrastructure to support a dba. We already suffer from excessive and ecologically damaging development in Cambridge & local groups are currently fighting an appeal from queens college to further develop their site that borders paradise nature reserve. A dba will negatively impact on the unique nature of our environment here. * We should keep it as it is and unite to put pressure on Anglian water to clean up their act for the whole river * many people use this part of the cam for leisure activities in canoes, on paddleboards & in punts. It's already difficult & dangerous at times to negotiate around water traffic when swimming in Newnham so an increase in numbers of swimmers at sheep's green would be a recipe for potential injury ,or worse, to swimmers 	Once a day, or more

8/15/2023 20:46:13	CB39JE	No	I am very much worried about the negative impact of this proposal to Paradise Nature Reserve. As a community, we have an obligation to protect this precious area and its inhabitants. Without a doubt, having more people in this area will impact it for the worse. There is already enough human presence that disturbs the nature (e.g., by people who are using this area for paddle-boarding and so on).	Once a day, or more	
8/15/2023 22:34:07	CB30QE	Yes	I would like to make river Cam clean again.	Once a week, or more	
8/16/2023 10:56:09	CB19LL	Yes	population health	Once a week, or more	No
8/16/2023 15:46:13	Newnham, cambridge	No	I support improvements to water quality but this area is not suitable due to the canoe club in the vicinity(600 members & plans for expansion), punts and paddleboards. There is little parking nearby and most importantly it is a fragile eco system including Paradise Nature reserve. We should not be encouraging more visitors to this area as there are limited facilities. As I walk in this area daily, I regularly see human faeces and litter left by visitors and this will increase by promoting it.	Once a day, or more	
8/16/2023 16:39:49	CB1 2AY	Yes	I want to see better water quality in our rivers.	Several times a year	
8/16/2023 20:50:48	CB3 9JD	Yes	I fully support this attempt to clean up the Cam. I support the ambition of making the Cam a safe place for swimming. This would increase quality of life for Cambridge residents.	Once a month, or more	
8/17/2023 7:27:26	CB1 2PF	Yes	I kayak in this area and have had eye-infections after getting water splashed in my eyes. I try to reduce the risk by wearing wrap round sunglasses but it would be great if the water was cleaner to reduce the risk further.	Once a week, or more	
8/17/2023 12:25:18	CB58BL	Yes	I have swum in the River Cam many times and believe it is important for the health of those swimming and doing other activities (canoeing, punting etc) that the water quality be known and should be improved.	Once a month, or more	
8/17/2023 15:03:13	CB3 9ED	Yes	The reservations of our green councillor appear to me to be a bit nimby? I am a bit ambivalent, but on balance am convinced by your arguments.	Once a week, or more	
8/17/2023 15:47:54	91 alex wood road	Yes	I used to be a member of the riverbanl club, have swum outdoors in cambridge for 40 years	Several times a year	
8/17/2023 16:39:01	NR11 6QE	Yes	Because it will unlock better information including regular water quality monitoring, and live sewage spill notifications and therefore help to guide people on when it is safe or not to swim at Sheep's Green	Several times a year	The Rivers Trust
8/17/2023 20:08:44	CB3 9HA	No	As a Cambridge resident who loves to swim, I'm totally supportive of the Cam being cleaned up so it is safe and clean for those who use it. However, I am certainly not supportive of plans to turn this stretch of the Cam into a designated public swimming area. It is a narrow stretch of the Cam (compared to the river on the North side of Cambridge); there are huge numbers of boats (kayaks, punts, canoes (including a 600 member canoe club in this spot) and now paddleboards and since Covid has already become known as 'Costa del Cam' because of the numbers of people using it. If it were to become a designated public swimming area (and publicised/put on maps as such), there will be a massive influx of people to an already fragile and delicate ecosystem. The use of 'Paradise Nature Reserve has already increased hugely and although it's great to see people enjoying it, the trails are already becoming ruined and the wildlife disturbed. Cambridge is expanding at an alarming rate and the infrastructures needed have not been carefully considered or put in place to sustain it and the beautiful wild spaces, plants and species that are at the heart of it. The whole river needs to be cleaned up, but this is not the way to do it.	Once a month, or more	
8/18/2023 8:57:04	Sg86ap	Yes	Sewage discharge from upstream significantly affects water quality on the proposed area. Designating the stretch of river at sheeps green as a bathing area will help clean up the whole river upstream which will be of benefit to wildlife for a much larger area	Once a week, or more	
8/18/2023 10:31:48	CB1 2ET	Yes	The Cam River is a glorious place for wildlife and people to explore, be curious and enjoy the free and incredibly mentally and physically beneficial activity of being in or on water! If this application were successful, the benefits would serve current and future generations of Cambridge residents by providing improved water quality. It would also force companies, such as Anglian Water, to take responsibility for the damage that their business operations causes.	Once a month, or more	

8/18/2023 15:08:31	CB39JE	No	<p>I am extremely concerned that this will increase the number of visitors who misuse the area....an even higher footfall, and even more bathers, barbecues, parties, litter left and wildlife absolutely disturbed. It is contradictory to have this so near a nature reserve, which is breeding ground for all sorts of wildlife, and water life.</p> <p>I do not believe the area can sustain so many more visitors and believe this will turn Sheep's Green into a huge attraction as a must visit 'Visitor Destination' which would mean inevitable harm to wildlife and biodiversity.</p> <p>During covid the subsequent 'going for walks ?' footfall in the nature reserve led to an enormous amount of daily litter and damage to river banks and undoubtedly will have led to a loss of biodiversity, this also happened in other places of wildlife importance....once gone it is irreplaceable and irreparable.</p>	Once a week, or more	
8/19/2023 9:20:32	CB3 9NF	Yes	I feel very concerned about the purity of the water and would like my dog and children and myself to safely enjoy the river without concern. I would like to be able to know what the levels of impurities so I can make a educated choice about safety at any one time.	Once a day, or more	No
8/19/2023 9:25:15	CB101SS	Yes	I am a regular outdoor / open water swimmer. I do not currently swim in this stretch of the Cam but would be encouraged to do so if I knew that it had Bathing Water Designation. I also fully support the wider principle of getting our local water company to invest more in reducing the pollution and increasing the water quality across the whole of the Cam catchment for which they are responsible.	Rarely or never	
8/19/2023 10:07:05	CB12NU	Yes	I regularly swim in the Cam and want to know that the water I swim in is safe.	Once a month, or more	
8/19/2023 15:17:26	CB3 9HA	Yes	I have read the case made by Cam Valley Forum and it seems well founded.	Once a week, or more	
8/19/2023 16:45:39	CB2 8EN	Yes	Create opportunity for more swimming options in the city	Once a week, or more	
8/19/2023 19:02:31	CB3 9HZ	No	While I am all for campaigning to ensure Anglian Water does not discharge sewage into the River Cam except in exceptional circumstances, I do not support this way of achieving this goal. I am concerned about the impact on this environmentally sensitive part of the river and the green spaces that surround it as getting DBA status would lead to an increased number of adults and children using this area of the river for swimming and the Rush for playing in. This will only increase the harmful impact on all the other life forms who live in, on or close by this part of the river. Humans create their own significant pollution in water much of which is likely to adversely effect other forms of life living in the river , for ex; through all the chemicals washed into the water from the perfumes,soaps, hair products, deoderants, insecticides, suntan lotion they have used on the body or hair. Plus a percentage will urinate in the water. Plus there is bound to be an increase in litter. In addition the Rush runs through land grazed by cattle which drink from it and invariably defecate too and was never intended as a paddling area for children. Moreover it was intended as a water course to support the movement of fish or eels. This is already disrespected by us humans AND should not be encouraged further.	Once a week, or more	n/a

8/19/2023 19:44:36	CB39LE	Yes	<p>I am very impressed by the the arguments that the Cam Valley Forum have put forward, the current consultation exercise, and the research that has been conducted. I do not see that exerting pressure on the water companies to stop the discharge of sewage into the river, over-abstraction, and massive profits being directed their share-holders is in any way incompatible with an application to DEFRA to improve the water-quality in the Lammas Land and Sheeps' Green area. Quite the opposite; we should be pursuing all these objectives strenuously.</p> <p>I am also extremely unhappy at what can loosely be called a 'Fortress Newnham' mentality. Wild swimming is not for all, and certainly not for me, but if people from other parts of our very unequal city and beyond want to enjoy the physical and mental benefits of outdoor swimming in Newnham as they have done for generations -- I have vivid memories of coming to Cambridge to use the Lammas Land pool when I was a child -- they should be welcomed. Research has shown that the increase in the number of new swimmers and visitors to the area as a result of designation is likely to be very modest. Moreover, the statutory rigorous testing for the existence of water-born contaminants in any designated bathing area should ensure that there will be no danger to public health on the river bank and Sheep's Green.</p> <p>Finally, I find the environmental evidence and the arguments in relation to bio-diversity in favour of 'pure water' designation in waterways in this country and abroad compelling. If the city of Paris (not to mention the city of Oxford) can aspire to make swimming in the river Seine part of their vision of a carbon free future, then the ambition of achieving clean waterways as part of a wider vision of a greener and fairer Cambridge should not defeat us.</p>	Once a week, or more	
8/19/2023 22:18:01	CB4 3PH	Yes	The designation is an excellent means to address the continuing neglect of water quality and it is a means to prevent further pollution of the River Cam.	Several times a year	local resident Castle ward
8/21/2023 11:11:20	CB5 8DJ	Yes	<p>Why should the families of Cambridge be deprived of that quintessential experience, bathing in nature? The Cam is our most precious resource. It defines our city - it belongs to us all, yet its condition puts us at risk. We need to clean it up, one bathing designation at a time. I live on the Cam (at Midsummer Common) My children & the other neighbourhood children, put their feet in the water at either end of the houseboats near us -we daren't let them dip! We have to bike to Sheep's Green or even further down towards Granchester to go in the water. They loved playing with water alongside toddlers (and cows) in that marvellous stream near Llamas land & Sheep's green, even in cooler weather. They loved the wading pool in Llamas land. But as 13 & 10 year old competitive swimmers, along with their triathlon-competing father, they deserve a proper swim in the jewel we have so neglected. I hope soon we will look back and wonder why it took us so long to appreciate and care for it. Let us provide an example for all of England.</p>	Several times a year	
8/21/2023 13:19:57	CB3 9EE	Yes	Because this stretch of river is wonderful to swim in, having steps in, being close to town for accessibility for a dip, having bike posts to lock your bike at, the water here being clear of reeds unlike further up the river, having a paved edge so the bank is not muddy, having benches to sit on, there being other people around usually so feels not too isolated and therefore safe as a woman. Designating this area and therefore improving the water quality will mean that we can all swim more safely. There is nothing like swimming in the river for health and wellness, mentally and physically, being close to nature in a way that does not damage it.	Once a week, or more	
8/21/2023 15:25:50	cb3 9In	Yes	It can be a useful lever to get information that will support efforts to force the water company to respect the river and its neighbours.	Once a day, or more	
8/22/2023 2:11:03	CB4 2AL	Yes	We should encourage the preservation and improvement of the environment in Cambridge and increase access and awareness of it.	Several times a year	

8/22/2023 11:16:08	CB39JD	No	1) There will be massive wildlife disruption because swimmers will use this part of the river, as they did during lockdowns, at much greater frequency than the few current swimmers and the canoes 2) If recognised, people will drive from considerable distances to use the site, as they did during lockdowns, thus overloading it 3) parking sites are not available and this will cause problems - it already does 4) this is not the way to get a clean river - the parasites in the river will not be affected by the monitoring anyway 5) this is not the reason to get a clean river - it needs to be clean for the wildlife (see 1)) not primarily for people who want to swim 6) there are excellent public swimming facilities, including outdoors, in Cambridge.	Once a week, or more
8/22/2023 11:46:38	CB22 3JB	Yes	Those who wish to do so should be able to swim in safety in the river Cam.	Rarely or never
8/22/2023 16:21:01	cb39jq	No	I cherish the Paradise Nature Reserve and already become quite worried at the footfall in high traffic times. I have seen many winters or floods and summers of trampling that put pressure on the reserve and the bathing area would only increase this further. We all have a right to a flourishing environment for generations to come. The new bathing area, I am afraid, will exhaust the reserve and reduce it to a less healthy and abundant version of itself. I think we should be focusing on improving policy to create cleaner and safer water along the Cam.	Once a week, or more
8/22/2023 17:58:14	CB2 1HN	Yes	I canoe on the Cam and would like to see an increase in water quality and a designated swimming area.	Once a week, or more
8/22/2023 18:00:01	CB4 3PH	Yes	Dumping sewage into the Cam and other rivers is simply criminal. The Cam in particular is so central to Cambridge's history, and so well used by so many (including tourists!) for so many different things - walking, swimming, punting, kayaking, paddling, rowing, even fishing. Please protect our amazing Cam!	Once a week, or more
8/22/2023 22:36:17	CB12LL	Yes	Regularly swim in the river and would like it to be cleaner/safer	Once a day, or more
8/22/2023 23:06:02	CB3 9	Yes	Swimming near Hodson's folly has been going on for years (at least since the 1800s) and today there is swimming near the learners pool and further towards Grantchester where the naturists swim. In particular there are a lot of teenagers in the water in the summer on Coe's fen near Lammas Land. They are having a great time and its good to see them doing something outdoors. I support an application for designated bathing area to protect the health of those who wish to swim in the Cam.	Once a week, or more
8/23/2023 9:48:22	CB1 2LL	Yes	I swim regularly in this area, as does my young daughter. Maintaining free, safe outdoor swimming for all seems like a moral imperative given the health and wellbeing benefits	Once a month, or more
8/23/2023 9:57:18	CB2 9AT	Yes	I believe that this area has been a historical swim spot for many years, and I believe that should be kept alive as part of the history of Cambridge. People have a right to swim in non polluted water, and I believe this will definitely help with the biodiversity of the River.	Once a month, or more
8/23/2023 11:09:13	CB1 3TG	Yes	This stretch of river is an ideal location for bathing, and it would be important to have confidence in the water quality	Once a month, or more
8/23/2023 11:29:54	CB1 3NU	Yes	Wild swimming is an excellent way to support the physical and mental wellbeing of people in Cambridge. The river is also a delightful spot for seeing the local wildlife. A proposal that aims to maintain water quality for the sake of people and the environment is a good one!	Once a week, or more
8/23/2023 12:02:37	CB3	Yes	This stretch of the river could be really pleasant to swim in but I have concerns over the water quality currently - if there were legal obligations and monitoring in place then I would be able to make full use of this amenity.	Once a day, or more
8/23/2023 20:23:41	CB43EF	Yes	I think it would be wonderful if this area actually becomes properly swimmable!	Once a week, or more
8/24/2023 7:51:24	Cb23 1LS	Yes	I swim in the stretch of the River Cam at Sheep's Green. I also practice canoeing and rolling the canoe here and am always concerned what negative health effects there are from the pollution in the water.	Once a week, or more
8/24/2023 10:38:19	cb4 2xf	Yes	I support to release less sewage pollution in the Cam - i am keen supporter of outdoor swimming	Once a month, or more
8/24/2023 11:22:21	cb2 8he	Yes	I am a member of the canoe club and enjoy paddling and swimming in the river here and upstream along grantchester meadows. I mainly use the river in the summer and autumn months. To practise kayak skills, you need to put your head underwater to simulate capsizing. It would be great if the water quality could be improved so I don't have to worry about getting sick from enjoying the river.	Several times a year
8/24/2023 14:47:05	CB224SF	Yes	My family uses the river on a regular basis for swimming, paddle boarding and kayaking. At all times we are regularly in the water and that means we'd like the water to be as clean and safe for us but as healthy for natural life living in or near the river as possible.	Once a month, or more

8/24/2023 21:34:29	cb28he	Yes	love swimming	Once a week, or more	
8/25/2023 8:11:39	CB4 3PH	Yes	Want water quality in the Cam to improve. Want nicer/safer access to river swimming for Cambridge residents.	Several times a year	N/A
8/25/2023 9:43:57	CB3 9EE	Yes	Rivers need to be protected for the entire ecosystem and sewage needs to be cleaned up.	Rarely or never	
8/25/2023 10:16:31	CB31TU	Yes	I support improving water quality	Once a day, or more	
8/25/2023 10:49:51	CB3 9LP	Yes	This is a good way to improve the water quality in the River Cam.	Several times a year	
8/25/2023 14:13:56	CB39EG	Yes	All waterways in Britain should be clean and until they are clean we cannot use them	Several times a year	
8/25/2023 20:57:56	Cb43pw	Yes	I like swimming and am concerned about the quality of the Cam's water	Once a week, or more	
8/26/2023 10:09:39	Cb25	Yes	The opportunity to improve river quality is a real chance for us to help the environment for future generations and with the added benefit of having safe open water swimming.	Rarely or never	
8/26/2023 20:32:31	CB3 9BE	No	I favour an approach to clean up the whole river rather than a small part of it. It is likely to attract too many people to a small area of the river. In answer to the next question I am very old and can't often get to the river now but in the past would often go to Sheep's Green.	Several times a year	
8/27/2023 20:34:45	Cb2 8he	Yes	I swim in this section of river multiple times a week. I'd like to have more information and regulation on the quality of the water I swim in	Once a week, or more	
8/27/2023 21:00:10	CB25 9RG	Yes	I'm an open water swimmer	Once a week, or more	
8/28/2023 10:53:47	CB4 1HF	Yes	River swimming has become very popular and important in many people's lives especially mine. It is so important for mental and physical health, and swimming in monitored cleaner water would make such a difference. At the moment the sewage discharges are variable and regular, which is disgusting. Having a designated area of water which is considered safe for all users will make a huge difference for the benefit of the whole community.	Once a week, or more	
8/28/2023 19:19:57	CB3 9LX	Yes	Seems a good idea.	Once a week, or more	
8/28/2023 20:49:01	CB3 9BB	Yes	The Cam is a precious resource and should be made safe for all users.	Several times a year	
8/28/2023 21:54:34	CB43LX	Yes	To put some focus on the cleanliness of the River Cam.	Once a week, or more	
8/29/2023 9:42:49	CB2 8HE	Yes	Wild swimming has potential for huge benefits- mentally, physically and socially, many of these have been researched. However, without the water quality being improved, many are deterred from swimming owing to the risk of falling ill etc. I love swimming but want to be able to do it safely. Please for the health of our communities, improve the water quality here, it would be so appreciated.	Once a week, or more	N/A
8/29/2023 9:46:43	CB2 8HE	Yes	Cambridge needs safe places to wild swim	Several times a year	
8/29/2023 10:37:53	CB3 9HP	Yes	It is important to acknowledge that people swim in the river, to gather data to understand the quality issues and to build the case for investments to improve quality	Once a month, or more	
8/29/2023 11:26:41	Cb28he	Yes	We want cleaner water to swim in.	Once a week, or more	
8/29/2023 20:24:24	CB39HZ	Yes	I would like to see an improvement in water quality both for swimmers and for wildlife	Once a day, or more	
8/29/2023 20:38:32	CB2 8BL	Yes	Important to take this step forward in cleaning the Cam	Once a month, or more	
8/29/2023 21:04:24	CB2 3HU	Yes	It's essential that swimmers and other river users should have clean, safe and monitored water. No brainer	Once a week, or more	
8/29/2023 21:53:43	CB3 9JW	Yes	Overall any campaign that increases pressure to clean up the river water will benefit the river ecology. With the population in Cambridge increasing there will be increasing pressure on any greenspace, rivers etc. This will entail an increasing challenge around how to sustainably manage these, without disenfranchising populations who don't have otherwise access to greenspace or water. The question is how we encourage and engage in responsible enjoyment of our shared resources. Also if swimming is made safer, by cleaning up the river, while the river is already used widely, this should definitely be supported.	Once a month, or more	
8/29/2023 22:17:18	CB4 1NL	Yes	I support the application. Since moving to Cambridge in 2018 I have swum daily -- at least -- in the river, in all weathers and at all times of the year, and -- as with every other regular river swimmer I know -- the experience is fundamental to my mental and physical health. However, as well as any benefit to any individual, I believe that fighting to keep our rivers -- and our seas -- healthy and free of pollution is essential for the future of our fragile ecosystem.	Once a day, or more	

29/08/23	CB39JD	Yes	I swim in the river myself already so gaining a way to know the quality of the water is important to me.	Once a month, or more
			I also strongly believe we should help more people feel able to access and use the river in as many ways as possible. Access to nature has a massive impact on mental well being so we should be focussing on empowering people to engage with the river and nature	
8/30/2023 7:58:52	CB1 2qh	Yes	I swim in the Cam almost daily all year round, in Grantchester Meadows. I support any action that helps the health of the river and its wildlife.	Several times a year
8/30/2023 8:55:42	CB13AL	Yes	I am very worried by the sewage and pollution levels in the Cam which could make swimming unhealthy or dangerous. It needs to be rigorously monitored and fines imposed if water is unacceptably contaminated. The fragile and rare ecosystem needs protection.	Several times a year
8/30/2023 10:46:30	CB3 9LG	No	This is not the best way to clean up the Cam. Unless the whole of the Cam is made cleaner, this will endanger swimmers. Also the proposal will have a damaging impact on the sensitive surrounding environment.	Once a week, or more
8/30/2023 11:14:45	CB4 1NJ	Yes	I would like to see improved river water quality (both for wildlife and humans) in the Cam, and this seems like a plausible mechanism to achieve that. I swim from Hodson's folly regularly, and have been sick once almost certainly from swimming(after putting my head under the water, which I usually avoid). I have an immunocompromised friend who used to, and would like to be able to, swim in the river but who finds it too risky given the current pollution levels.	Once a week, or more
8/30/2023 11:23:03	CB3 9HH	Yes	In order to improve the water quality	Once a week, or more
8/30/2023 12:16:57	CB3 9LE	Yes	We brought up our family in Newham and still live here after 40 years or so. We have such good memories of swimming in the river at Sheeps Green. Our 2 children still talk about it! I would like other families to have these memories too.	Once a week, or more
			If the Cam River water quality is improved as we know it must be, it is all to the good.	
8/30/2023 12:27:13	CB3 9DY	Yes	Wild swimming is already popular so I'd like to formalise it and ensure the water quality is suitable	Once a day, or more
8/30/2023 15:20:44	CB1 2HR	Yes	I wholeheartedly support the application because I would like to see the water quality of the Cam improved, both for the sake of swimmers, and wildlife and plants. I am a teaching assistant and student in Cambridge, and also a keen swimmer. The fact that Bathing Water Designation will mean that the water quality is addressed and eventually improved will make the Cam a safer place for all. With the cost of living crisis and post pandemic, the Cam has been a haven and an escape for so many people, young and old, and it is vital that we care for it and the people using it by making sure the water is cleaner than it has been in recent times.	Once a week, or more
8/30/2023 15:35:53	Cb12hr	Yes	Urgent action is needed to address poor water quality both for wildlife and swimmers	Once a day, or more
8/30/2023 15:44:23	CB22 3BG	Yes	Good water quality in natural watercourses benefits everyone: wildlife and their habitats and ecosystems; the many people who swim in the river; rowers and other river users (including residents) downstream of the designated site. Poor water quality harms everyone directly or indirectly. It makes the world a worse place to live in.	Several times a year
30/08/2023	cb39ee	Yes	because I enjoy swimming in the river and appreciate its biodiversity and nature	Once a week, or more
8/31/2023 18:49:44	CB23 1LS	Yes	Sewage in the water stinks and is very unhealthy.	Several times a year
9/1/2023 7:45:30	CB3 9JH	No	Offers greenwashing for Anglia Water, pointless without whole river cleaning. Plus ecological damage to Paradise N.R.	Once a week, or more

9/1/2023 8:33:49	CB3 9ED	No	<p>The Cam needs to be cleaned up before it is safe for swimming. This is an urgent matter. This application may be well intentioned but it puts things the wrong-way round. Additionally, the area chosen is already very heavily trafficked and heaving with people going to the park, the paddling pool, the Learners' Pool, and the Canoe Club. On a day warm enough to swim for families and visitors (as opposed to dedicated wild swimmers, who currently defy the science and swim anyway, mostly in other places on the river, without the need for any DBA), the bins are overflowing and disgusting, the car park an angry mess, and the toilets very unpleasant. Having said that, this footfall is evidence that this area is very popular and accessed by people who come from far and wide - in NO sense is this a Newnham-NIMBY issue.</p> <p>To create a DBA would encourage MORE people to come to this spot, and why would anyone want that? More toilets, more parking, more kiosks would follow, and the area is simply too small for that. The supporters are so keen on public access that they don't seem to see that at some point there has to be a stop to the encouragement of overuse of one very small area.</p> <p>If a DBA must be granted before the river is safe to swim in, illogical and unscientific though that is, surely there are other places on the banks of this long river that could be chosen? I would urge the committee to look more widely if this proposal were to go forward in principle.</p>	Once a week, or more	
9/1/2023 10:36:34	CB3 9EE	No	<p>Great idea in principle for people to have space for swimming, especially if there is a demand for it? In practice perhaps a less great idea? Problem 1: the Cam is small and overcrowded, quite apart from the possible objection that this bit doesn't serve all of Cambridge, just Newnham? Problem 2: This area is already well frequented and fairly packed with people on land and water. Problem 3: It does seem a bit daft to designate one bit of a long and fast flowing river as a DBA in the hope this will lead to any sort of cleaning-up, much to be commended, as more than a cosmetic exercise?</p>	Once a week, or more	
9/1/2023 11:52:31	cb39jg	Yes	<p>Its a very useful way to clean up the ageing and overloaded sewage infrastructure in the Haslingfield area, which is a major cause of the poor water quality downstream at Sheep's Green and Grantchester Meadows. Personally I'd like to swim more frequently in the Cam if the water quality was better</p> <p>As a newnham resident, I dislike the NIMBY attitude of some here:</p> <p>Swimming and playing in the river are really important activities for many of Cambridge's young people, particularly given the cost of living crisis, the lack of social contact during the pandemic, and the lack of access to nature in some of the less affluent areas of our highly unequal city. I welcome seeing them at Sheep's Green</p> <p>Although I care deeply for Paradise LNR, I think the concern about designation increasing the numbers of visitors is grossly exaggerated. I'm quite angry at the way some have been deliberately misrepresenting the facts about the council's intentions and have spreading the incorrect idea that "Areas with DBA status must promote bathing in the area" This is completely wrong, and the council has no intention of doing so</p>	Once a week, or more	
9/1/2023 12:37:39	CB3 9ED	No	<p>The current infrastructure cannot take it. The river water is not the cleanest (prompting ear infections etc), nearby car parking is already heavily used and usually full. For those walking and picnicking the availability of bins is minimal so littering on grass and in the river. Please consider the implications carefully - maybe there is a different spot that could be used ? Thank you.</p>	Once a month, or more	
9/1/2023 12:47:41	CB3 9EE	No	<p>there are already enough options -- better focus on and improve these</p>	Once a day, or more	n/a
9/1/2023 12:54:14	CB39EE	No	<p>Larger human footfall and more traffic is a bad idea given the ecologically sensitive nature of this part of the river</p>	Once a week, or more	

9/1/2023 13:33:54	CB4 3EL	Yes	The designation is an important step toward better water quality for bathers and all those who love being in and on the River Cam. My kids and I visited Sheep's Green many times during lockdown, it was a real godsend for socialising outdoors during those difficult times. I aspire for my kids to see themselves as part of nature, and not outside of it. For too long water courses have been a convenient way to get rid of waste, particularly sewage, and the worse things get the more people turn away in disgust. The designation would be a recognition that the River Cam is an important part of life and wellbeing for local residents, and there must be higher standards for ALL outflows into it. We are part of the river, and what we do matters.	Once a month, or more	
9/1/2023 14:36:32	CB3 9ED	No	The river is heavily used by punters, boats etc. ; the land either side is already a popular place many people from a wide area around ; the parking area is small and already well used. Any further attraction is not necessary and would be detrimental.	Once a week, or more	
9/1/2023 16:18:53	Cb3 9JG	Yes	Access to places for people to swim, people who don't live near water access	Several times a year	
9/1/2023 17:45:04	CB3 9ED	Yes	I support the application as it would be beneficial to have a stretch of water which was not polluted. I regularly swim in the river which is an amazing experience and more people might decide to swim in the river if they knew it was unpolluted. The benefits of open water swimming are tremendous - swimming in nature is a wonderful experience.	Once a month, or more	I have regularly swum in the river. It is a lovely thing to do. However, many people who might enjoy doing so are concerned about water pollution (as indeed I am). The river is amazing
9/1/2023 19:24:45	CB22 7NP	Yes	We believe that the quality of the water in the River Cam needs improving and the water levels improved to support water life.	Several times a year	Harston River Rhee Group
9/1/2023 19:28:01	CB22 7NP	Yes	We try to clean up our water but we need Anglian Water to help	Several times a year	Private
9/1/2023 19:49:19	CB2 1HA	Yes	Swimming in the Cam is an important part of the history and social fabric of Cambridge. Sheep's Green has traditionally been the focal centre centre of this. There is a strong evidence base for the physical and mental health benefits of wild swimming. Swimming in the Cam is therefore a key public health resource for people living in Cambridge. What's more, the people who are likely to participate in wild swimming are those who do not traditionally engage in other forms of physical activity, thereby helping to reduce inequalities in physical inactivity. Every resident of Cambridge should feel that the Cam is accessible to them as a resource for physical activity and that their health is not at risk if they chose to swim in it. Designating Sheep's Green as a Bathing Water Designation Area will support people in Cambridge to swim in this area. This should not be viewed as a change to the status quo but a return to what was normal for most of Cambridge's history. I find it appealing as a Cambridge resident and public health doctor that anyone in sound mind could oppose this motion.	Once a week, or more	
9/1/2023 19:55:23	CB3 0AD	Yes	I fully support this practical measure to measure water quality and clean up the River Cam, for the health and enjoyment of animals, plants, and people. The major argument against the bathing water designation application seems to be that it would encourage more people to swim in the River Cam, increasing pressure This is not about increasing the number of people swimming in the Cam, it is about acknowledging that many people swim here, and have done for at least four hundred years, and that we want to do what we can to clean up the river, for wildlife and people to enjoy. Putting up a big sign saying that the bathing water quality is 'poor' and that swimming is not advised also seems unlikely to attract people. Even if a few more people did come from elsewhere to swim there, I would be glad that they are able to enjoy Sheep's Green and the River Cam, as long as the numbers did not get too huge. Why shouldn't they come and enjoy the wonderful green spaces and access to the river that we have in Newnham.	Once a month, or more	N/A
9/2/2023 6:57:30	Cb39nh	Yes	Health reasons - better regulated cleanliness for river swimmers	Several times a year	
9/2/2023 8:35:50	Cb4	Yes	The city lacks that type of place for people to enjoy swimming especially in hot days. Shame not to use the amazing river we have in the city.	Once a month, or more	

9/2/2023 10:19:02	CB42AS	Yes	As a psychologist working with young adults, I am at the coal-face of the mental health crisis. The health benefits of wild swimming are undisputed. Cleaning up our rivers is cheaper than extending our mental health ward capacity.	Once a week, or more	
9/2/2023 11:34:44	CB4 3AN	Yes	This is a wonderful place to swim out in nature, and should be A safe and healthy place for anyone to swim. Therefore, the water quality should be transparently monitored and actions taken to reduce any local pollutants.	Once a week, or more	
9/2/2023 11:50:29	Cb4 3EJ	Yes	It would help the health of the Cam	Once a month, or more	None
9/2/2023 12:30:58	CB43EL	Yes	The river has become unsafe for swimming	Once a week, or more	
9/2/2023 15:51:21	CB4 3EL	Yes	My children often swim at Sheep's Green and I have always worried about water pollution there	Once a month, or more	
9/2/2023 21:21:56	CB3 9ED	No	The location is not suitable for this proposal. It adjoins a nature reserve, parking is limited and the locality cannot sustain an increase in footfall.	Once a day, or more	Personal
9/2/2023 21:52:35	CB4 1LT	Yes	In the current climate and with this "government" this is probably one of the only and fastest ways to get what should be a given: a clean river for, first and foremost, wildlife to enjoy and secondly, us.	Rarely or never	
9/2/2023 22:09:05	Cm23 4FN	Yes	We need more open water swimming areas and after doing a slow swim in the cam this year thought it was a lovely safe place to swim	Rarely or never	
9/2/2023 23:34:50	CB41AZ	Yes	Residents and nature should be able to enjoy and flourish in our rivers. It's appalling that they currently cannot.	Once a month, or more	
9/3/2023 0:12:25	CB3 9HP	Yes	Anything which gets the water companies and other agencies to seriously tackle pollution in the Cam is a good thing.	Once a week, or more	
9/3/2023 7:35:01	Pe29 2at	Yes	Swimming outside is the most amazing gift to those that enjoy it. It is good for physical, emotional and mental health. It's free! It's accessible. If we don't try this now imagine that it will never get better, imagine that we deprive new generations of this and I can't understand how anyone would think is okay. I understand fully the concern of risk but by making a safe space and teaching children / adults how to think about safety you give someone an opportunity. The risks are in continuing to tell people it's not safe and then there isn't accessible areas or how to swim wild. I swim locally to myself and in cambs as I work there.	Once a week, or more	None
9/3/2023 8:09:49	CB4 3EL	Yes	I very much enjoy swimming in the cam and am increasingly worried about the level of sewage and pollution in our rivers. A bathing water designation would provide some measurements and hence confidence in the quality of the water. It would also provide some impetus for water companies to clean up their operation.	Once a month, or more	
9/3/2023 8:10:12	CB4 2AJ	Yes	I hope it will help put pressure on companies etc to clean up the water	Once a month, or more	
9/3/2023 11:32:53	cb39as	No	The argument in the application is specious. The river is polluted with released sewage every time it rains. Water companies have chosen to build up debt in order to pay share holders rather than improve their ability to treat human waste. Proposing a bathing spot in the river is insane. This pollution is toxic to humans and all the other species that live in or by the river. Equally this application doesn't and can't include fast access to Addenbrooke's services for those infected by pathogens in the water.	Once a week, or more	
9/3/2023 11:35:14	CB4 1	Yes	Cleaner rivers benefit everyone, I support so-called "wild" swimming.	Several times a year	
9/3/2023 14:43:42	CB2 1RF	Yes	I would like to be able to use the cam safely as a swimming spot.	Once a month, or more	
9/3/2023 18:18:01	CB43AE	Yes	I love swimming here. Wish it was better	Once a week, or more	

9/3/2023 18:59:04	Newnham, Cambridge CB3 9JG	No	<p>I oppose the proposal to apply for a Designated Bathing Area (DBA) at Sheep's Green, Newnham. The site is in the river Cam green corridor, next to the Local Nature Reserves of Paradise and Coe Fen and is actually situated in the Sheep's Green Nature Reserve. The ecological sensitivity of the site has been dismissed entirely by the proposers, Cam Valley Forum, who claim there will be minimal impact.</p> <p>This claim relies largely on the statement that there would be little or no increase in visitor numbers. However, there is no evidence for this at all, as most DBAs are coastal and the only river mentioned, the river Wharf at Ilkley, already has large numbers of visitors and the DBA has only been in place for 1 year. In spite of this being acknowledged by CVF, they continue to misrepresent the situation by repeating and emphasising it.</p> <p>However, the more likely situation is that, over time, visitor numbers would increase and a DBA would attract people from a much wider radius.</p> <p>Of the 3 nature reserves, Coe Fen and Sheep's Green rely on cattle as an essential management tool. Human interaction with cattle leads to problems and a DBA risks the need to ban cattle from the area in the summer months.</p> <p>Sheep's Green has a variety of important habitats including Snob's Brook, which is home to fish, water voles and water fowl. Ancient willows and poplars, including dead fallen and standing trees, are vital for invertebrates such as the rare musk beetle larvae. Use of dead wood for fires should therefore be prohibited. The Rush is a fish-pass and breeding ground for fish fry, with 12 species recorded. I gather the CVF committee were warned of the risks of children using the Rush pool for bathing, but this, like all other ecological concern, has been ignored.</p> <p>Paradise is a wet woodland, small and fragile. Human threats include foragers who cut and remove chicken-of-the-woods fungus and dogs which deposit urine and faeces, swim in the river, break down the bank and leave poisonous flea treatment in the water. Tranquility is disturbed by people who chose to cycle or jog through. Trees are broken to make fires; litter and defecation in the bushes are unpleasant. Increased footfall to the area would exacerbate all these problems.</p>	Once a week, or more	
9/3/2023 20:37:50	Cb20nt	Yes	<p>For every one person bathing in the river, there would be 3-5 others picnicking on the bank. There is no This is the place where I found open water swimming 3 years ago. Since then I've swum every week (here, further up the Cam or in the Ouse) throughout the year. It's contributed to an increase in my physical and mental well-being. It would be a valuable resource to so many to have a clean space to do this.</p>	Once a week, or more	
9/3/2023 20:51:40	CB3 0HZ	Yes	I swim in the River and believe it is a precious resource for all in Cambridge	Once a week, or more	
9/4/2023 9:34:41	CB1 1EL	Yes	I love swimming in the river but stopped due to swimmers itch. This would mean it gets cleaned up	Once a month, or more	
9/4/2023 12:21:15	CB3 0HZ	Yes	I regularly swim in the river - on essentially every warm Summer's weekday evening. Therefore I obviously support measures to keep the river clean and healthy.	Once a month, or more	
9/4/2023 13:12:06	CB4 1QB	Yes	<p>I also believe that it is important to develop the river as a recreational amenity for all Cambridge residents and visitors.</p> <p>It is appropriate to use these mechanisms to promote goals that are clearly within the scope of the relevant legislation and the intent of the water management system. Improving river cleanliness and allowing healthy outdoor use of the natural facilities such as the river is a goal that has many positive impacts on general wellbeing and the health of the local community.</p>	Several times a year	None
9/4/2023 19:32:14	CB24 8SD	Yes	Swimming is so beneficial for people's mental health and well being- it would give people comfort and reassurance	Once a week, or more	
9/4/2023 22:35:21	Cb5	Yes	Improving bathing water in one spot will improve the health of the entire river. It will encourage safer, healthier swimming in an area where this has been traditional.	Once a week, or more	
9/5/2023 7:53:12	CB3 0HR	Yes	Our family regularly swim in the Cam and are increasingly worried about the water quality	Once a month, or more	

9/5/2023 8:10:34	CB3 OHS	Yes	I think it is disgusting that sewage is being dumped in our rivers and seas	Once a week, or more
9/5/2023 8:39:15	CB3 OHY	Yes	Wild swimming is very important for the mental health of a number of my close friends.	Several times a year
9/5/2023 8:43:07	CB3 OHN	Yes	All our rivers should be clean	Several times a year
9/5/2023 8:46:09	CB3 OHY	Yes	We are entitled to cleaner water. It is a right	Several times a year
9/5/2023 10:32:39	CB244RA	Yes	I regularly in the river	Once a week, or more
9/5/2023 11:00:29	CB3	Yes	Would this application include Grantchester and if not, why not?	Rarely or never
9/5/2023 12:03:28	SG86UH	Yes	Every year for the last 7+ years, I've swam in the Cam both recreationally and as part of events. Over the last 2 years swimmers have been picking up stomach bugs repeatedly, indicating that the water quality is poor. We need to identify where this water pollution is coming from and the first step is by monitoring the water quality.	Several times a year
9/5/2023 12:41:06	CB30HS	Yes	To improve the water quality and reduce sewage in a swimming spot.	Once a month, or more
9/5/2023 13:14:54	CB41JH	Yes	Cleaner water for bathers, others and wildlife	Several times a year
9/5/2023 13:16:19	Sg7 5fl	Yes	Lack of safe places to practice open water swimming is a great shame. As a country we need to do more to clean up river pollution and this seems like a great step.	Once a month, or more
9/5/2023 13:35:06	CB3	No	I do not support the application. I have concerns about the water quality in the area (particularly given the known discharge of raw sewage by water companies) and do not believe that the water is safe to swim in.	Once a day, or more
			I also have major concerns about the lack of facilities for an increased level of users, and the consequent impact on local residents. The current facilities are already barely adequate for the number of users on warm days, with bins needing changing more regularly and only one cafe with limited outdoor seating. The car park is already not large enough for users coming from other parts of Cambridge and the toilets are regularly closed (and not clean when they are open). For those of us who have children and live locally, this area is our local park and the potential for overuse is concerning. The river is used by kayakers, punters going to Grantchester etc so it will be difficult to monitor safety. There are also already problems with teenagers who use the river to swim in and stay drinking alcohol until late - this would only worsen if it were made a designated area.	
			In my view a far more sensible way forward would be to expand the existing learner pool on Sheep's Green to provide a safe and clean bathing facility for adults and children who are too old for the paddling pool. The existing pool is very small and does not have adequate changing rooms, space etc for many people. Investing in and expanding this would be preferable to swimming in the river.	
9/5/2023 13:49:54	CB4 3QE	Yes	I learnt to swim here 60 yrs ago. Whether it is cleaner now seems questionable and this must be addressed. Your chosen method seems the fastest way to get this assessed and dealt with.	Several times a year
9/5/2023 13:50:40	CB2 8AT	Yes	I have lived near the river Cam all my life and it is a wonderful asset to the area	Once a week, or more
9/5/2023 13:59:24	CB22 5ER	Yes	I support the application because I like swimming in the river, and would like some assurance that it is clean enough for this to be without significant risk to health.	Several times a year
9/5/2023 14:17:02	Cb4 1rj	Yes	To clean the river up.	Several times a year
9/5/2023 14:31:13	CB22 5AH	Yes	I have only swum in the river a couple of times in the last 2 years due to fears about water quality. I'd like to swim more often. I have noticed how polluted the river by the Haslingfield weir is quite often - the water changes colour. I walk regularly on the riverbank in Haslingfield. I also walk on the river paths in/out and around the city eg to Waterbeach and punt on the river to Granchester, so any improvement in the river water quality would be welcomed.	Several times a year

9/5/2023 15:06:46	CB3 9JD	Yes	<p>I am highly supportive of the application, as are many of my friends and family in the Newnham community.</p> <p>I am supportive for both environmental and social reasons.</p> <p>Environmentally I'm pleased that the designation will add to pressure to clean up the water. I have no doubt that the river ecosystem, and local nature reserves will benefit from this.</p> <p>I think there are also important social benefits which have been under-emphasised in the discussion about this issue so far.</p> <p>I was lucky enough to grow up in Newnham and privileged to enjoy the wonderful quality of life here - so I'm really excited about this fantastic new facility which is exactly the sort of thing that a growing city like ours needs if it is to remain such a special place to live.</p> <p>We know how important it is to increase levels of physical activity and to create opportunities for people (particularly young people) to build their connection to nature. The DBA is a great way of nurturing this.</p>	Once a week, or more	None
9/5/2023 15:12:34	CB1 3PW	Yes	<p>I believe it will be a very useful first step to getting Anglian Water to take the action needed at Haslingfield Sewage Treatment Works to reduce and even prevent the current pollution issues. I don't swim at Sheep's Green but I swim, canoe and walk along other parts of the river, particularly Grantchester meadows downstream from the treatment works and so will benefit from a DBW on the river. As Chair of Friends of Cherry Hinton Brook, I also support any efforts to clean up the City's waterways and improve them for both Cambridge residents and the wildlife.</p>	Rarely or never	
9/5/2023 15:19:03	CB4 1BS	Yes	<p>Health of river and people is paramount, and it's an excellent way to put pressure on Anglian Water to actually do something about sewage discharge upstream</p>	Once a month, or more	
9/5/2023 15:42:31	CB13UB	Yes	<p>Water in Cambridge has been a long-term concern of mine</p>	Rarely or never	
9/5/2023 16:55:11	Cb1 8ba	Yes	<p>We (family with kids aged 10 and 12) swim and paddle board regularly on the river from Lamas Land or Grantchester meadow.</p>	Once a month, or more	
9/5/2023 17:51:56	HU5 5YE	Yes	<p>Love open water swimming and Cambridge slow swim</p>	Several times a year	
9/5/2023 18:51:58	CB5 8HX	Yes	<p>I support the application because it's simply common sense to do so. People use the river and it should be clean enough to do so. I'm fed up of hearing students in the college where I work complaining of sore throats, eye infections etc and they're simply rowing, getting splashed in the face, not even swimming!</p>	Once a day, or more	
9/5/2023 19:06:52	CB3 9JG	No	<p>The so-called "consultation" was not a consultation at all. It was just a presentation by CVF. Not many local people were there. Supporters had cycled over from other areas. I am concerned about the water quality in the whole of the Cam and if a small bit of the river is cleaned up surely there will be an exchange of water between the proposed DBA which would dilute the cleaned-up DBA and the river would continue flowing. I am concerned about the nature reserve and the wildlife therein. Some of it is vulnerable to an increase in bathers in the area. There are bound to be many more visitors which will change the face of the area.</p>	Once a day, or more	I am responding on my own behalf
9/5/2023 21:48:25	CB2 7EB	Yes	<p>I support people bathing in the Cam at Sheep's Green</p>	Once a week, or more	
9/5/2023 22:02:41	Cb4 1nf	Yes	<p>The quality of the river Cam must be improved from its poor status.</p>	Once a month, or more	No
9/5/2023 23:23:36	CB3 9LE	Yes	<p>The application for bathing water designation was fully discussed by those attending the Annual General Meeting of the Newnham Ward branch of the Cambridge Constituency Labour Party on September 5th 2023, some of whom visited the river bank at Sheep's Green on a regular basis and others who did not. There was a very interesting question-and-answer session in which everyone had the opportunity to express their thoughts and feelings, after which I was asked to communicate the support of all the members present for the invaluable work that has been done by the Cam Valley Forum so far and our appreciation of the thoroughness and meticulous care with which the consultation is being carried out. We wish you every success.</p>	Once a month, or more	The Newnham Ward of Cambridge Constituency Labour Party
9/6/2023 8:08:03	cb4 3ex	Yes	<p>Swam at Sheep's Green as a child, important local facility</p>	Once a week, or more	
9/6/2023 12:31:45	CB4 1BP	Yes	<p>I am extremely concerned about the level of pollution in our rivers and a DBA does not seem the best solution to the problem, causing congestion in one area and further damage to a fragile environment</p>	Several times a year	

9/6/2023 12:34:16	Cb41nj	Yes	The river cam has been in an appalling state this year with cam con board members waving away concerns with comments on how it's "a natural environment". Expectations are incredibly low and in 2023 we really know better than that. If this designation helps the clean up, I am in favour. I would like to use the river in a better state than it is right now.	Several times a year	
9/6/2023 13:38:30	Cb1 7tg	Yes	I love wild swimming but have been put off of swimming in the cam this year because of all the sewage and bad water reports! It has scared me enough that I haven't swum in the river this year. I used to swim more regularly (re the Q below)	Once a month, or more	
9/6/2023 13:59:51	CB5	Yes	Outdoor swimming is lovely, and it isn't quite the same in many outdoor pools like Jesus green lido as you are surrounded by walls	Once a month, or more	
9/6/2023 14:08:40	CB1 3AE	Yes	Protect our waters!!!!have some respect for the beautiful environment we are lucky to inhabit PLEASE	Several times a year	
9/6/2023 14:16:48	CB249NT	Yes	I and many I know swim in the Cam, particularly when hot in the summer	Several times a year	
9/6/2023 15:40:03	Cb4 3lz	Yes	I would love to do some more wild swimming in the Cam, but it's too polluted to be safe	Once a week, or more	
9/6/2023 15:56:25	CB39JN	Unsure	We desperately need clean rivers but national problem & not sure this is best solution - it lets the Water Companies off the hook? Needs further research. If goes ahead what about parking (& loos) - more traffic WILL come & over run Lammas Land with its paddling pool & Learners pool which locals have fought to keep for EVERYONE inCambridge.	Once a week, or more	None
9/6/2023 16:17:22	CB21 5AL	Yes	To improve the water quality of the river	Once a month, or more	
9/6/2023 16:26:11	Cb21 5al	Yes	Because I like kayaking in safe water, without sewage	Once a week, or more	
9/6/2023 17:07:21	CB41FJ	Yes	Great spot to swim in the increasingly warming summers. Lots of people use it. I would use it more if I wasn't always worried about getting sick.	Once a month, or more	
9/6/2023 17:09:42	CB4 1DT	Yes	I want the river to be cleaner	Once a month, or more	
9/6/2023 17:35:59	CB5 8TS	Yes	I love swimming in the Cam! It would be great to have more options than just Grantchester. I wish the whole length was swimmable, but this is a great step.	Several times a year	
9/6/2023 18:28:55	cb215al	Yes	to improve water quality and quality of life	Once a week, or more	
9/6/2023 19:25:50	CB4 2JF	Yes	I'd like to swm in the Cam, but feel it's too dirty after friends contracted Weil's.	Several times a year	
9/7/2023 9:19:48	CB1 7UB	Yes	Swimming and access to water is incredibly important and i get such a joy swimming for my mental and physical health	Once a week, or more	
9/7/2023 9:43:03	CB4 3PL	Yes	Because clean water to bathe in is a right and water companies need to be held to account for any shoddy practices, no matter what light-touch regulations allow.	Once a month, or more	
9/7/2023 18:41:05	CB3 9JH	No	I can't see that it is in anyway sensible to think that you can get the authorities to clean up the river by allowing people to bathe in one place in the dirty river This must be questionable on health grounds alone.. Surely we need to get the river clean first and then any number of designated bathing places would be a nice idea. I think they would need to be quite a few because bringing everybody in the city to Newnham doesn't work. I am not talking about keeping Newnham for the Newnhamites, just that the area designated is a limited area and can't take more than a certain number of people	Once a month, or more	
9/8/2023 11:50:18	CB22 5BQ	Yes	Despite the concerns voiced by some, I personally think it can only be a good thing to have formal, regular monitoring of the water here, and to have the notice of the level of water quality (along with 'advice against swimming' if appropriate) prominently displayed.	Rarely or never	
9/8/2023 14:41:02	CB1 9JW	Yes	I think efforts should be made to clean up the River Cam.	Several times a year	Cam Valley Forum
9/8/2023 16:27:44	CB4 1AS	Yes	Because I love to swim in the river and want to stay healthy	Once a week, or more	
9/8/2023 16:32:37	Cb248xj	Yes	I want to be able to swim in clean water in the river cam	Once a week, or more	
9/8/2023 16:51:30	CB3 9HW	No	I feel very uneasy about having a designated bathing area on Sheep's Green near Hodson's Folly. Whilst supporting the aims of a clean river, I think choosing to develop a small stretch, which has always been an unofficial bathing area, is the wrong approach. That part of the fen has already been opened up enormously in recent years, and the Cam on Grantchester Meadows is already a recognised wild swimming area. We have a very precarious green corridor in Newnham, which seems to be under threat from all sides. The Council environmental dept is doing a great job in connecting up the town as a whole with green corridors. A swimming area would surely need more parking, barbecue areas, fast food etc, and surely risks causing a problem rather than contributing to the pleasure of the existing area.	Once a week, or more	

9/8/2023 21:50:10	Cb24 3au	Yes	I am a rower and nearly always get an eye or ear infection if splashed with water from the cam. It is disgusting, I wish it was clean enough to swim in, not just at Sheep's Green, but along the whole length!	Once a week, or more	
9/9/2023 6:59:22	CB1 3HL	Yes	I use the river several times a week and am one of several thousand! Please fix it! As a regular river swimmer at Sheep's Green I would like to be assured that there is good water quality. As a chalk river I would also like to be assured that the water quality is also supporting the natural ecosystem	Once a week, or more	
9/9/2023 8:00:15	CB1 2LG	Yes	Frequent swimmer in river	Once a week, or more	
9/9/2023 10:08:01	IP214AY	Yes	Acces to safe 'wild' swimming is good for people's health and good for the environment too, because it forces authorities to focus on water quality in rivers, with benefits for wildlife as well as humans.	Rarely or never	
9/9/2023 10:51:04	CB13AS	Yes	Regular swimmer in the cam	Once a month, or more	
9/9/2023 13:08:44	CB3 9HW	Unsure	I answered No yesterday, as I'd come straight to this link. I've now discovered the FAQs through your website, and am changing to a Yes! Thank you.	Once a week, or more	
9/9/2023 15:01:54	Cb42sj	Yes	We deserve better bathe water	Several times a year	
9/9/2023 15:43:00	CB1 7BU	Yes	I enjoy swimming in the river and want it to be safe for everyone to enjoy.	Several times a year	
9/9/2023 15:45:21	CB4 3LA	Yes	I like swimming in a river with clean water	Once a week, or more	
9/9/2023 15:46:44	CB4 3QT	Yes	I regularly swim in the river, my children learnt to swim there, and I am concerned for the quality of the water	Once a month, or more	None
9/9/2023 15:50:45	N19 3RQ	Yes	Lots of people use it and it's a fantastic resource for swimmers	Several times a year	
9/9/2023 15:55:09	CB1 2PZ	Yes	The river here is widely used by swimmers, including myself. For everyone's health and safety, it seems evident that the water quality should be monitored and improved. I have been ill for a few days after swimming last summer, which I think was a result of the current poor water quality. It would be good to be able to swim in greater confidence that the water is clean and safe.	Several times a year	
9/9/2023 16:03:28	cb1 3az	Yes	support	Once a month, or more	
9/9/2023 16:51:59	Se14 5tt	Yes	Cleaning the river should be a priority. So many families swimming here.	Once a month, or more	
9/9/2023 16:55:48	CB4 3DQ	Yes	The river cam is an important body used by many wild swimmers to enjoy the local area, and we have a right to enjoy this safely.	Once a month, or more	
9/9/2023 16:56:20	Cb43dq	Yes	So much pollution here, really needs to change.	Once a month, or more	
9/9/2023 16:57:21	Cb4 3dq	Yes	Swimming here is lovely and an important part of the Cambridge community culture	Several times a year	
9/9/2023 16:58:29	CB1 1HR	Yes	I like swimming in the river and regularly go kayaking. Numerous friends of mine have got unwell from swimming in the river.	Once a week, or more	
9/9/2023 16:59:04	Cb13as	Yes	I love to swim in the cam all year round. I also kayak regularly. I personally got sick last year from accidentally swallowing the river. There are no circumstances where sewage or any other pollution should be pumped into our beautiful waterways. I fully support this movement to clean the river and protect our waterways.	Once a week, or more	
9/9/2023 17:00:45	CB1 1JS	Yes	I am a regular swimmer in the river and believe having the ability to enjoy the river plays a crucial part of Cambridge community life.	Once a week, or more	
9/9/2023 17:07:22	CB2 8BN	Yes	It's crucial to ensure the river is clean enough to be enjoyed by those that are fortunate enough to live near it.	Once a month, or more	
9/9/2023 17:08:30	N6 5QT	Yes	Health and safety	Several times a year	
9/9/2023 17:09:11	CB4 3QB	Yes	Sheep's Green is a local beauty spot and would be much improved by this designation	Several times a year	
9/9/2023 17:12:16	CB39JA	Yes	Swimming, messing about outside in the river is very healthy - given reasonable water quality - physically and psychologically. The health giving effects of this activity should not be under estimated. I believe that most negative effects that may arise can with good will and a little extra effort can be mitigated.	Once a week, or more	no
9/9/2023 17:15:45	Cb9 7ea	Yes	Good idea	Once a month, or more	
9/9/2023 17:15:46	Cb97xh	Yes	Safer water to swim in and use	Several times a year	
9/9/2023 17:16:51	Co94af	Yes	Need cleaner water and safer for everyone	Once a week, or more	
9/9/2023 17:18:17	W6 0PN	Yes	I like to swim in clean water	Several times a year	
9/9/2023 17:24:13	CB1 1JS	Yes	I support the application because swimming in the Cam is such an important part of what makes living in Cambridge so special!	Once a week, or more	

9/9/2023 17:29:13	CB11 3LR	Yes	Being able to swim at Gran Chester	Several times a year	
9/9/2023 17:29:22	CB2 8HE	Yes	I enjoy swimming in the river, and want higher quality water	Once a month, or more	
9/9/2023 17:32:32	N4 1NR	Yes	I want clean water to swim in and for nature!	Several times a year	
9/9/2023 17:32:52	M21 8TJ	Yes	Clean water	Several times a year	
9/9/2023 17:33:16	N155EP	Yes	Sewage should not be in the river. Our rivers are ancient and sacred. They deserve respect it will improve the lives of all living things	Once a month, or more	
9/9/2023 17:33:24	M21 0UH	Yes	Because sewage shouldn't be flowing in beautiful swimming spots	Rarely or never	
9/9/2023 17:40:20	CB1 3PN	Yes	Want to keep the river clean for swimming.	Once a week, or more	
9/9/2023 17:41:59	PE28 3LN	Yes	Because it's important for the welfare of the environment and people	Rarely or never	
9/9/2023 17:42:33	CB23 1JE	Yes	I support this application!!!	Once a month, or more	
9/9/2023 17:43:19	CB24 8SF	Yes	Water is currently very dirty	Several times a year	
9/9/2023 17:44:58	SG19 3AD	Yes	because i want to be able to swim on the river	Once a week, or more	
9/9/2023 17:52:48	E9 5RQ	Yes	No waste should be entering British waters anywhere	Several times a year	
9/9/2023 17:54:03	Cb24 3eh	Yes	Cleaner, safer water for all to enjoy.	Once a week, or more	
9/9/2023 19:52:32	CB39NS	Yes	I learnt to swim at Sheep's, and I enjoy swimming there or from Grantchester Meadows or Newnham Riverbank Club	Several times a year	Grantchester PCC
9/9/2023 23:37:04	E17 6NU	Yes	Sheep's Green area is a much loved area by swimmers and kayakers, children and adults. However, the water it's increasingly getting dirtier. Getting the Bathing Water designation would assure the health and safety of many people enjoying the river Cam and the fauna and the flora of the river. Saving the river from contamination is not a choice but a must.	Several times a year	
9/10/2023 0:19:39	cb22 3ew	Yes	It seems it should be self evident why people wouldn't want sewage and who knows what pumped into any rivers, however the cam is one I grew up near and frequent whenever there is some sun!	Several times a year	
9/10/2023 7:54:38	CB4 2bg	Yes	I would love to feel confident enough of the safety and cleanliness of the water to be able to swim in the river. This would be a wonderful initiative making swimming (which already happens) safer.	Once a month, or more	
9/10/2023 8:42:51	CB1 7AY	Yes	I swim in the river in the summer and would appreciate better quality water.	Once a week, or more	
9/10/2023 11:25:15	Cb4 2dx	Yes	I regularly swim in the Cam in this area and am appalled at the sewage dumping allowed in our river water. Please make it safe for swimming.	Several times a year	
9/10/2023 11:29:02	CB5 8SD	Yes	I enjoy swimming and kayaking	Once a week, or more	
9/10/2023 11:43:14	CB7 4JS	Yes	I support cleaner rivers and more swimming spots on the Cam	Once a month, or more	
9/10/2023 11:44:23	Cb22 5eg	Yes	I swim regularly in the CAM & I'm constantly worrying about picking up something from the river that makes me unwell	Once a month, or more	
9/10/2023 11:48:35	Cb4 1un	Yes	We live downstream of sheep's green, on the river. Whilst we rarely bathe at sheep's green itself, monitoring at sheep's green would make a difference to the whole river downstream from there and make it much healthier for activities on and in the river where we are. My daughter has just asked to install a plunge pool, given how climate change will make pools more desirable in the future (and despite the water shortage making that less acceptable). A swimmable river in Chesterton would be a public and socially acceptable plunge pool for many.	Rarely or never	
9/10/2023 13:54:36	CB1 3QD	Yes	I swim fairly regularly in this part of the Cam - 1-2 times a week during the summer. I would feel much safer and enjoy it more if I knew the water was clean and free of contaminants	Once a week, or more	
9/10/2023 14:01:24	CB12NE	Yes	As an avid fresh water swimmer, I swim in the Cam all the time. During the hot summer months it is such a nice asset to the city, it's about time it was cleaned up!	Once a week, or more	
9/10/2023 14:49:25	CB2 9JQ	Yes	I swim in the cam in summers and would love if it was cleaned up	Once a week, or more	No
9/10/2023 16:09:44	CB3 9BB	Yes	I want to be able to spend time by the river and in the river without the risks of pollution and sewage	Once a week, or more	
9/10/2023 18:12:36	CB246ZR	Yes	In the summer, this area is full of swimmers of all ages enjoying the river, so it is important to protect their health. I am a member of the canoe club & have been going 2-3 times a week of the past few months so I support it for my own wellbeing. The area is also full of people with kayaks, canoes & paddleboards (who are not canoe club members) so am also supporting it for them. The river is an important recreation resource for all local residents & their health & welfare should be protected as much as possible.	Once a week, or more	
9/10/2023 20:48:51	Cb58lb	Yes	I am a regular, all year round, river swimmer, and believe this is one step towards cleaning up the river, and making it a more pleasant place for all river users and a healthier river. I understand it will not cure all the issues causing degradation to the river, but its a worthwhile start.	Once a week, or more	

9/10/2023 21:10:02	CB2 9ND	Yes	I support the application because of the need to reduce the risk of infections caused by organisms derived from faecal contamination, of bathers and paddlers in the River Cam at Sheep's Green and at other locations between Cambridge at Haslingfield sewage treatment works, Approved designation of this one site leading to statutory testing by the EA is an important step in the process of reducing faecal contamination in the river.	Once a week, or more	Personal
9/10/2023 21:55:41	Cb1 9ap	Yes	I love swimming there	Once a month, or more	
10/9/23	cb3 9ee	Yes	i really enjoy swimming in the sheeps green area	Once a week, or more	
9/11/2023 8:49:48	CB1 2PG	Yes	I enjoy swimming in the river	Several times a year	
9/11/2023 13:24:23	CB3 9NF	Yes	I would hope that the DBA would involve cleaning up the river more generally - and improving the river across Grantchester Meadows.	Rarely or never	
9/11/2023 13:56:39	cb3 9nj	Yes	Anything to improve the water quality of the river. It is shocking to hear how this has been neglected over the years. A cleaner river will benefit wildlife and humans alike	Once a week, or more	
9/11/2023 16:23:24	CB41HZ	Yes	Water needs to be clean and safe to swim	Several times a year	
9/12/2023 11:44:30	CB23 1JP	Yes	The Parish Council support having a clean river in which people can swim.	Rarely or never	Haslingfield Parish Council
9/12/2023 11:45:26	CB23 1LF	Yes	The waterways in this country are disgustingly dirty, and it is a crime that people cannot swim in the river. I would like to see the waterways cleaned up and swimming in the river promoted.	Once a month, or more	
9/12/2023 12:42:39		Yes	I like to swim in the Cam. I'm also a member of the canoe club.	Once a month, or more	
9/12/2023 15:53:29	CB2 9ND	Yes	Swimming from Sheep's Green gives me and many others a lot of pleasure. We'd love the water to be clean.	Once a month, or more	
9/12/2023 16:10:27	CB1 9JW	Yes	I love to swim in the river but daren't put my head under the water for fear of getting sick.	Once a week, or more	
9/12/2023 16:11:46	Sg4 9ly	Yes	I swim in the cam and would like it to be designated bathing zone so the quality of water can be monitored and there is some accountability for sewage dumping. The rivers are for everyone to enjoy.	Once a week, or more	
9/12/2023 16:11:49	SG4 9TY	Yes	Cleaner water and enhanced awareness of water safety through river swimming is hood for all	Once a week, or more	
9/12/2023 16:20:40	CB4 1TY	Yes	There should be numerous designated spots for bathing on the river and the entire length should be free from sewage etc.	Once a month, or more	
9/12/2023 16:29:08	CM7 4LF	Yes	Cleaner water inwhich to swim.	Once a month, or more	N/A
9/12/2023 19:19:57	Cb3 9JP	Yes	The ability to swim safely in this stretch of water is a very important and free recreational resource	Once a month, or more	
9/12/2023 20:41:06	CB4 2EE	Yes	The river is a beautiful part of Cambridge and being able to swim in the river is a very healthy experience for our well being. Unfortunately too many people are getting ill from the disgusting state of the water in the river. It is extremely important that the river is cleaned up to prevent further illness and to allow this wonderful.well being resource as part of our City.	Several times a year	
9/12/2023 20:47:14	Cb23 7an	Yes	I swim in the cam frequently. Any effort to make it safer for everyone is appreciated.	Once a week, or more	
9/12/2023 21:03:05	CB13EL	Yes	I love swimming in the river and want it to be clean. I've been swimming there since I moved to Cambridge 20 years ago. My children used to swim, too, when they were little and still do when they come visit.	Once a week, or more	
9/12/2023 21:07:13	CB1 2JD	Yes	I like swimming in the river	Once a week, or more	
9/12/2023 21:26:08	Tn39 3dj	Yes	A lot of people use the river for swimming all year round and need the water to be clean	Several times a year	
9/12/2023 21:27:30	TN39 3DJ	Yes	I have been an avid swimmer at this stretch of the Cam – many times a week in all seasons when previously living in Cambridge and nowadays on a daily basis when making week-long trips to the City throughout the year.	Several times a year	
9/12/2023 21:36:37	Cb1 3de	Yes	Wild swimming benefits our health and the health and diversity of our environment	Several times a year	
9/12/2023 21:39:04	PE26 1AH	Yes	We need cleaner water!	Several times a year	
9/12/2023 21:40:16	Cb17tp	Yes	Improve water quality for swimmers and wildlife	Once a day, or more	
9/12/2023 22:01:38	CB2 9LH	Yes	We urgently need cleaner water in our river, which requires a firm commitment and proper action.	Once a month, or more	N/A
9/12/2023 22:49:26	Cb237pw	Yes	Swim here regularly throughout the year	Once a week, or more	
9/12/2023 23:27:05	CB5 8HE	Yes	I swim in the river and it's important for my mental well-being as well as fitness.	Once a month, or more	
9/12/2023 23:29:12	CB39EX	Yes	It would be a massive improvement to have a DBS at the river.	Once a week, or more	

9/13/2023 1:01:43	Cb11dw	Yes	The river is a place for peace, quiet, exercise, and mindfulness. Its legacy for inspiring great minds throughout history should also not go unnoticed. Once more, as a public water way it should be kept clean and healthy for no other reason than to protect the public good. Gaining bathing designation ensures that concrete measures are taken to prevent pollution and stricter fines for violations.	Several times a year	
9/13/2023 3:55:04	CB1 8RJ	Yes	I want clean water for bathing, for the wildlife and for the environment. It is disgusting to me that in these days, our rivers are not clean and free from chemicals, sewage or agricultural run off.	Once a day, or more	
9/13/2023 6:57:55	CB22 5FS	Yes	I swim in the River Cam almost everyday all year round. I would like clean water for swimming, wildlife & the environment.	Once a week, or more	
9/13/2023 7:18:14	Cb13ab	Yes	People are always going to swim in Granchester river. Currently the water quality is dangerous. I have known many people to get ill. It should be cleaned for the environment regardless of if there were any swimmers.	Several times a year	
9/13/2023 7:51:55	CB1 8BL	Yes	I would like the river to be clean and free from sewage for bathing, for wildlife and for the environment	Once a week, or more	Myself
9/13/2023 8:10:20	CB2 9DN	Yes	Rivers are crucial ecosystems in their own right, but we are increasingly the importance of such 'blue spaces' for human well-being (see https://www.newscientist.com/article/mg25533950-700-why-spending-time-near-water-gives-us-a-powerful-mental-health-boost/). So pour sewage into such a valuable natural resource, such as happens in the Cam, is harmful at so many levels. I support the application, not only for the river ecosystem, but on behalf all those the many people who enjoy being near the Cam, and for the swimmers, canoeists and rowers who actually go in the Cam.	Once a week, or more	
9/13/2023 8:12:36	CB4 1AN	Yes	I have been swimming in the Cam for 35 yrs and I want to continue being able to do that. We must stop sewage spills and chemical run off into our waterways	Once a month, or more	
9/13/2023 8:31:14	CB43PH	Yes	There are so many reasons to support the application. The social, health, and environmental benefits are obvious, however, there's also a financial justification. Tourism in Cambridge relies heavily on the river. Currently it is concentrated at two points on the river (the mill pond area and castle bridge) but bathing status at Sheep's green would allow a third node to develop. Clean water should be the standard we expect not the exception.	Once a month, or more	
9/13/2023 9:08:34	CB58jf	Yes	I support the application as it is important for the Cambridge community and visitors to have a designated safe space to swim in the iconic Cam, a tradition that exists for hundreds of years. If Cambridge (of all places) cannot offer this, I'm not optimistic about the rest of England to be honest. It would also benefit the reputation of Cambridge with regards to environment and sustainability.	Once a month, or more	
9/13/2023 10:38:52	CB1 2EW	Yes	The popular swimming spot ought to be safe	Once a week, or more	
9/13/2023 10:42:00	CB12BH	Yes	I swim in the waters	Once a week, or more	
9/13/2023 14:15:38	CB5 8SU	Yes	Important to highlight poor water quality on order for it to be sorted	Rarely or never	
9/13/2023 14:23:00	CB17UT	Yes	It's important for people and biodiversity that water quality is good	Once a week, or more	
9/13/2023 14:50:45	CB3 9ND	Yes	Enables those from all walks of life to enjoy our right, swimming in our rivers and being assured of their cleanliness and upkeep without worry of disease that can seriously affect health.	Once a day, or more	
9/13/2023 15:29:43	CB1 3EG	Yes	As well as outdoor swimmers, cleaner water would benefit all river users and protect them from unwanted illnesses and infections. The biggest benefit, however would be to local wildlife and to the wider environment.	Once a week, or more	Member of (but not representing) Newnham Riverbank Club
9/13/2023 17:58:46	CB41AQ	Yes	My son has just recovered from 2 days of vomiting after swimming in the Cam, his friend had the same. People should be able to swim anywhere upstream of the city and be safe to do so. Current levels of pollution are terrible for biodiversity as well as people. Water companies and others maintaining practices that make our waterways dangerous to human health and biodiversity is corporate vandalism and infringes our human rights to a healthy environment. Everyone should be able to access recreation in their local waterways. It impacts people on low income more if this is not possible because of pollution. Not everyone can afford to take a family swimming at a pool. Children are more susceptible than adults to infections from water borne bugs, yet learning to swim and being able to practice is particularly important for their safety. It is very unfair to deny them that.	Once a week, or more	
9/13/2023 18:06:29	CB4 3AX	Yes	As a member of the public and a live aboard boat owner moored in the city I have a deep interest in the health of the River Cam. I am keenly aware of the positive impact this designation would have not only to citizens who swim in the Cam, but also to for the biodiversity and health of wildlife relying on a healthy river.	Once a month, or more	

9/13/2023 18:22:17 Sw12 8ad	Yes	It is essential to be able to swim in clean water at sheep's green and in Cambridge in general. My nephew just got really sick after swimming there, as did his friends.	Once a month, or more	
9/13/2023 18:35:23 CB3 9BB	Yes	I think swimming in the cam is important to the welfare of people here, but I do not feel like it is always safe. Furthermore, it is bad for the wildlife	Once a month, or more	
9/13/2023 19:00:07 CB12PG	Yes	I would like to swim at Sheep's Green but I do not due to concerns about pollution	Once a month, or more	
9/13/2023 19:01:05 Cv5 7hb	Yes	It's well used by bathers and my nephew got a vomiting bug from his last swim there	Several times a year	
9/13/2023 22:12:56 LS12 2EJ	Yes	I no longer live in Cambridge, but being able to swim in the Cam was one of the things that brought me the most pleasure during the 8 years I lived there. It's something I always do when I come back to visit. The Cam is the heart of Cambridge and being able to enjoy it safely is a big priority for many residents and tourists. Thanks!	Several times a year	
9/14/2023 7:58:45 CB41AQ	Yes	I am 10 years old and I like swimming in the river but it made my brother sick	Once a month, or more	
9/14/2023 8:03:19 Cb41aq	Yes	I am a teenager and me and my mates love going down and having small parties down there often. Unfortunately last time we all came down with an awful sickness; vomiting etc, and the doctor told us never to do it again because the water quality is poor and rats swim in it. This is upsetting for me because it is such a nice spot, spoilt by disease.	Once a week, or more	
9/14/2023 9:17:24 Cb18rj	Yes	Having a clean river for leisure in this way is important for mental health in so many different ways. Using a natural resource as a sewage dump is simply unacceptable in this day and age .	Once a month, or more	
9/14/2023 20:15:34 CB3 9JH	No	All water companies have a legal obligation to clean up all rivers, and focusing on one small part of one river is not the answer, it just means that it will take longer to address the massive wider problems. This limited local improvement would also add to the traffic, and need for services such as more toilets and parking in an area that is adjacent to a nature reserve already under threat from developers. The broader improvement of this river would see bathers more evenly distributed between Cambridge and Grantchester, rather than all bundled up in one tiny space.	Once a week, or more	Individual
9/14/2023 20:46:44 CB8 8BL	Yes	In an ideal world all rivers would be safe for bathing and people wouldn't be getting sick. I much prefer wild swimming to swimming in a pool so welcome this application.	Once a month, or more	
9/14/2023 22:33:18 CB1 7SW	Yes	Paradise Nature Reserve is a tiny, wooded area amidst an increasingly sprawling urban landscape that is Cambridge. In addition to populations of birds, insects, and other creatures, it is home to eight species of bats. It is also a place of solace and contemplation for those who seek them. Now it is threatened by the proposal to further encroach upon it by an extension of housing facilities for students at Queens College, Cambridge. The insistence by the college's authorities that the extension should trump preservation of the Reserve even though the additional student accommodation could be made available in an urban space nearby is, unhappily, all too familiar; for, similar arguments have been routinely invoked in other places and at other times. Over the centuries populations of species have been obliterated by human encroachment. Millions of square miles of forests, for example, have been decimated, bit by bit, on each round because the "economic case" was argued to be overwhelming. That bit-by-bit encroachment in the UK has meant that the country's ecological footprint is much larger than the global average. It is the public recognition of our vanishing biodiversity that led UK's parliament to legislate our environmental laws. In effect the college authorities are now asking that implementation of the laws should be weakened. The UK has been able to live well despite the decimation of its biodiversity because it has been able to clear the landscape of regions far away that were once rich in biodiversity. In effect the UK, like other rich countries today, has outsourced its needed supply of "biodiversity's products". Which is a strong reason why the college's application should be rejected. There is a further, tactical reason for applying our environmental laws. To do so would reduce the UK's effectiveness in persuading other wealthy countries to take steps to reduce their global ecological footprint, or for that matter, persuading nations rich in natural capital to not convert them into plantations and cattle ranches. The argument countries rich in tropical rainforests offer in justification of their deforestation programmes is no different, qualitatively, from the argument offered by the authorities of Queens College that human convenience should invariably trump ecological sustenance.	Once a week, or more	
9/15/2023 7:30:46 CB43HG	Yes	I go there kayaking, and the water I see how recklessly the river is used by a lot of people.	Once a week, or more	
9/15/2023 7:57:08 CB41QB	Yes	Because bathing in the river is very good for community and mental health, and I believe it should be entirely normal to expect the river to be clean and ecologically healthy.	Several times a year	

9/15/2023 8:00:55	CB41JJ	Yes	To clean up the river, improve habitats and let people swim safely and enjoy the natural environment in Cambridge	Several times a year	
9/15/2023 8:02:44	CB4 1YY	Yes	It's important for the river to be kept clean especially in an area where lots of young people are in the water.	Several times a year	
9/15/2023 8:06:18	CB4 2AS	Yes	Love swimming in nature with our children. Want to be able to swim with confidence of not getting ill.	Once a month, or more	
9/15/2023 8:10:55	CB41JD	Yes	The river cam should be a place where families can swim.	Once a week, or more	
9/15/2023 8:12:49	CB41JD	Yes	Clean up the river cam. It's dangerous.	Once a month, or more	
9/15/2023 9:12:23	Bristol	Yes	safe swimming	Rarely or never	LRI
9/15/2023 9:41:01	cb42yf	Yes	To maintain the quality of the water treated by the sewage plant	Rarely or never	
9/15/2023 9:51:08	cb4 2aa	Yes	The Cam is an important bathing area for landlocked Cambridge. But the water quality is not good enough. Sometimes children get ill after swimming there. (eg five friends of my 13 year old daughter got sick after swimming during the heat wave on 10 September 2023)	Several times a year	
9/15/2023 10:01:34	CB4 3PD	Yes	To increase people's already highly diminished access to nature.	Several times a year	
9/15/2023 10:06:59	CB4 2AS	Yes	Outdoor swimming is a healthy, fun and free activity that many people would like to do. Sheep's Green is an easily accessible location to those living in Cambridge without a car enabling wider participation, however poor water quality risks causing illness and deters people from swimming. I would swim at Sheep's Green with my family if water quality was improved.	Several times a year	
9/15/2023 10:26:13	CB4 3PE	Yes	It is a matter of public health	Several times a year	My daughter and her friends went to swim in the river Cam on Sunday and 4 out of 6 got sick. The river needs cleaning ASAP
9/15/2023 10:26:59	Cb4 1ad	Yes	I'd like to be able to swim in the Cam	Once a week, or more	
9/15/2023 12:44:45	SG19 2NF	Yes	BWD is an important measure that will drive proper water quality standards on the Cam upstream of Cambridge for both nature and people, and encourage more people to enjoy and understand the river, enhancing enjoyment of Cambridge and its semi-rural environs for leisure, mental and physical health.	Once a week, or more	
9/15/2023 14:44:28	CB1 2DG	Yes	I support this application. I have walked passed the Sheep's Green bathing area so many hundreds times over the last three decades. It is a popular swimming destination for so many people. It is easily accessible for many and the availability of public toilets close by is an added bonus. I am concerned that many of those who swim in the river do not fully appreciate the risks involved with the E-coli from the upstream sewage treatment works at Haslingfield. Granting Sheep's Green bathing water status would assist education of the public and the extra water analysis would help shine some light on the water quality issues originating from Haslingfield STW and be a catalyst for improvements in the sewage treatment process.	Once a day, or more	
9/15/2023 19:06:52	pe29 2js	Yes	1)It is very important that bathing waters are safe. I myself was extremely ill 3 years ago from exposure to dodgy water. (actually not the Cam/Granta, but even so.) 2) it will improve the flora of the river preventin overgrowth of invasive species of weeds, which will improve fish stocks, ad improve the speed of flow during flood events, preventing flooding. I regularly swim in the Cam near Newnham in Summer, and Kayak occasionally in spring, although it is too busy for kayaking and the Gt Ouse is easier forme to get the kayak to.	Once a week, or more	
9/15/2023 19:44:12	CB3 0NR	Yes	I am very supportive of the application for one reason only. CVF have shown that overloaded STWs upstream of Cambridge are the main cause of the unacceptably high levels of faecal indicator organism and soluble harmful phosphate loading in the Cam. Reducing these is the sole responsibility of Anglian Water and they do not disagree with the fact that this needs doing. A DBA granted to this area will keep these facts high on the agenda and will not diminish the pressure on the polluter to pay the price of putting it to rights, not only there but also in the whole catchment.	Once a week, or more	I speak for myself, and as a member of CVF
9/15/2023 21:01:49	DH1 2NH	Yes	Because it is where I learnt to swim and it was much less expensive than in the swimming pool	Rarely or never	

9/15/2023 21:36:59 IP18 6NQ Yes

Water companies respond to statutory obligations; a bathing water designation in Cambridge would place an unavoidable statutory obligation on Anglian Water to do what they can to improve the quality of water discharged from their sewage works upstream, not only in Haslingfield but further up the tributaries of the Cam. Improvements in water treatment, in particular disinfection, should bring significant improvements in water quality.

Rarely or never

N/A

YES responses	471 93%
NO responses	33 6%
UNSURE responses	5 1%
TOTAL responses	509