

## Consultation on the proposal to designate Henleaze Lake as a bathing water

# Summary of responses

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### **1. Introduction**

1.1 Beaches and inland lakes that attract a large number of bathers are designated as bathing waters under the Bathing Water Directive (76/160/EEC, revised by 2006/7/EC) and water quality is tested during the bathing season, which in England runs from 15 May to 30 September. The objective is to protect bathers' health against faecal pollution.

1.2 Henleaze Swimming Club, the owner of Henleaze Lake, applied in October 2013 for the Lake to be designated as a bathing water. The application has the support of Bristol City Council and met the criteria set out in Defra's guidance on how to apply for new sites to be designated as bathing waters by giving detailed information about usage, facilities and local consultation.

1.3 On 20 November 2013 Defra launched an informal consultation by publishing the evidence for dedesignation on the website and emailing it to key stakeholders. The consultation ran until 3 January 2014. We did not receive any responses.

### **2. Final decision**

Henleaze Lake will be designated as a bathing water with effect from the 2014 bathing season.

### **3. The way forward**

The Environment Agency will begin monitoring water quality at Henleaze Lake in the 2014 bathing season. The European Commission will be notified of the decision when the annual bathing water inventory is submitted before the beginning of the bathing season.