



Department  
for Environment  
Food & Rural Affairs

# Consultation on the proposal to designate Manor Steps beach, Bournemouth as a bathing water

## Summary of responses

March 2018



© Crown copyright 2018

You may re-use this information (excluding logos) free of charge in any format or medium, under the terms of the Open Government Licence v.3. To view this licence visit [www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/doc/open-government-licence/version/3/](http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/doc/open-government-licence/version/3/) or email [PSI@nationalarchives.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:PSI@nationalarchives.gsi.gov.uk)

This publication is available at [www.gov.uk/government/publications](http://www.gov.uk/government/publications)

Any enquiries regarding this publication should be sent to us at

[bathingwater@defra.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:bathingwater@defra.gsi.gov.uk)

or by post to:

Bathing Water Team  
3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Seacole Block  
2 Marsham Street  
London  
SW1P 4DF

[www.gov.uk/defra](http://www.gov.uk/defra)

## Background

Beaches and lakes that attract a large number of bathers are designated as bathing waters under the Bathing Water Regulations 2013 (S.I.2013/1675) (“the Regulations”) 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.

Bournemouth Borough Council applied in October 2016 for Manor Steps beach in Bournemouth to be designated as a bathing water. The application met the criteria set out in Defra’s guidance on how to apply for designation by giving detailed information about usage, facilities and a local consultation.

On 15 March 2017 Defra launched an informal consultation by publishing the evidence for designation online and emailing it to key stakeholders. The consultation ran until 12 April 2017.

## Summary of responses

There were 15 replies to the consultation, all of which supported the proposal.

## Final decision

Manor Steps beach will be designated as a bathing water with effect from 15 May 2018 and will appear as Bournemouth Manor Steps on the list of bathing waters.

## The way forward

The Environment Agency will begin monitoring water quality at Bournemouth Manor Steps in the 2018 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.

## Annex A - list of respondents

Marine Conservation Society  
Surfers Against Sewage  
13 private individuals