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Our ref: EIR2023/09880  
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Dear [REDACTED],

### **REQUEST FOR INFORMATION: Bathing Waters Designations**

Thank you for your request for information of 22 May 2023 about bathing waters designations. We have handled your request under the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 (EIRs).

The EIRs apply to requests for environmental information, which is a broad category of information defined in regulation 2 of the EIRs. Public authorities are required to handle requests for environmental information under the EIRs. They give similar access rights to the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

Your information request and our response are set out below.

*Can you clarify if these applications are, as per the request, a list of all the applications made by either local authorities or individuals to DEFRA for a body of water to be given designated bathing water status during this time period (including the applications that were not accepted?)*

With reference to our response in relation to your previous request we can confirm that the information provided is as per your request.

*Could I also submit the same request, but for the time period between March 2022 and February 2023?*

We enclose a copy of the information you requested:

An area of the River Deben at Waldringfield, Suffolk

An area of the River Deben at Woodbridge Town Steps, Suffolk

An area of the River Kent at Staveley Village, Cumbria

An area of the River Ribble at Edisford Bridge, Clitheroe, Lancashire

An area of the River Tamar at Calstock, Cornwall



An area of the River Thames at Wallingford Beach, Wallingford, Oxfordshire

An area of the River Tyne at Wylam, Northumberland

An area of the River Wharfe at Boston Spa, West Yorkshire

An area of the River Wharfe at Wetherby Ings, West Yorkshire

An area of the River Wharfe at Wetherby Riverside Beach, West Yorkshire

Coniston Boating Centre, Coniston Water, Cumbria

Coniston North-Western Shore, Coniston Water, Cumbria

Coniston Southern Tip, Coniston Water, Cumbria

Firestone Bay, Plymouth, Devon

Fish Sands, Headland, Hartlepool

Fisherman's Haven, Berwick Upon Tweed, Northumberland

Kite Beach, Sandbanks, Poole, Dorset

Monk Coniston, Coniston Water, Cumbria

Sykes Lane Bathing Beach, Rutland Water, Rutland

Whitwell Creek, Rutland Water, Rutland

Worthing Beach House, Worthing, West Sussex

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We attach Annex A, explaining the copyright that applies to the information being released to you, and Annex B giving contact details should you be unhappy with the service you have received.

If you have any queries about this letter please contact me.

Yours sincerely

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## **Annex A**

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## **Annex B**

### **Complaints**

If you are unhappy with the service you have received in relation to your request you may make a complaint or appeal against our decision under section 17(7) of the FOIA or under regulation 11 of the EIRs, as applicable, within 40 working days of the date of this letter. Please write to Andrew Mobsby, Head of Information Rights via email at [InformationRequests@defra.gov.uk](mailto:InformationRequests@defra.gov.uk) and he will arrange for an internal review of your case. Details of Defra's complaints procedure are on our website.

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