



# Water Framework Directive Risk Assessment Statement

*Land East of Ugley Village Hall, Ugley*

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The Water Framework Directive (WFD) (2000/60/EC) introduced a river basin management planning system to help protect and improve the ecological health of our rivers, lakes, estuaries and coastal and ground waters. The use of environmental standards to help assess risks to the ecological quality of the water environment and to identify the scale of improvements that would be needed to bring waters under pressure back into a good condition.

A WFD is required if applying for a flood risk activity permit to carry out one of the following activities on a main river:

- culverts
- channel widening, deepening, straightening or realigning
- impounding structure
- bed reinforcement
- sediment management (including dredging and de-silting)
- bank reinforcement
- embankments and set-back embankments (over 10m in total length)
- by-pass channel (over 10m in total length)
- bank reprofiling (over 10m in total length)
- woody debris installation or removal (installed / removed over a length of 20m or greater)
- flow deflectors (installed over a length of 20m or greater)
- bridges & crossings
- outfalls
- your activity could affect a water body that is at high status or high status morphology. Environment Agency staff can advise you if this is the case.

A Water Framework Directive assessment is not required for this development as the proposed development will not affect any water bodies.