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Dear Mr. Turton,

Water Framework Directive

Please find the Dacorum Environmental Forum Water Group's response to the Thames River Basin District Water Framework Directive.

I think it appropriate to say that we agree with most of what has been written, for it captures many of the key agendas, as did the four workshops that we attended.

We considered incorporating our Issues of Focus for 2009 within section 6.2 but felt it more appropriate to attach it as an introduction because we wish to keep the local issues at the forefront of our minds. You will remember that at the Environmental NGO's Workshop at Reading on 2 April, I made two particular pleas with regard to the river Gade and the Buncefield Oil Terminal disaster.

You will notice that we have now included the plea in our response that we seek to maintain consultation between the Environment Agency and stakeholder groups to facilitate adaptation rather than solely imposing controls through regulation.

Yours sincerely,

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