



The River Thames Scheme

What do you think?

Booklet 4



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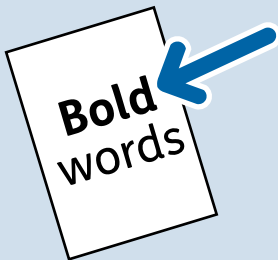
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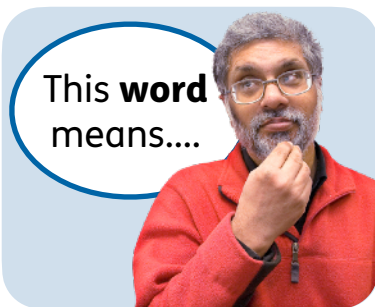
This is an Easy Read version of some information. It may not include all of the information but it will tell you about the important parts.



This Easy Read booklet uses easier words and pictures. Some people may still want help to read it.



Some words are in **bold** - this means the writing is thicker and darker. These are important words in the booklet.



Sometimes if a bold word is hard to understand, we will explain what it means.



[Blue and underlined](#) words show links to websites and email addresses. You can click on these links on a computer.

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About this booklet



Surrey County Council and The Environment Agency want to improve the part of the River Thames that goes between Egham and Teddington.



We have come up with a plan to do this. We have called it the River Thames Scheme (RTS).



We have written a few booklets about the River Thames Scheme.



This is the fourth booklet. It is about how to tell us what you think of the River Thames Scheme.

Tell us what you think



We would like to know what you think about the River Thames Scheme.



We will use what people say to make changes to the Scheme if we need to.



We will also write a report about what people said.



Please make sure you have read booklets 1, 2 and 3 before you tell us what you think.

You can tell us what you think by answering the questions in this booklet, then sending them to:



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River Thames Scheme
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You may have been given an envelope with this booklet that already has our address on it.



You can also tell us what you think by:

- Emailing:
enquiries@riverthamescheme.org.uk



- Sending a letter to us. Our address is on this page.

Your information



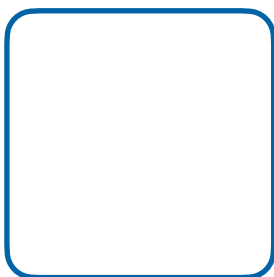
Any personal information you give us when you answer the questions will be kept safe and private.



You do not have to give any personal information if you do not want to.



The answers you give about the River Thames Scheme might be used in our report.



If you do not want the answers you give to be in our report, please tick this box.

Questions for you to answer



Question 1: Who are you answering these questions for?

For myself.

For an organisation.

For a group of people or local area.



Question 1a: If you are answering these questions for yourself, please tell us your:

Name:

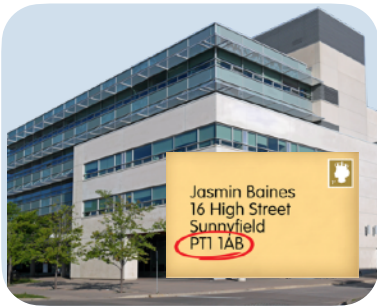


Address and postcode:

Question 1b: If you are answering these questions for an organisation or group of people, please tell us:



The name of the organisation or group:



The address and postcode of the organisation or group's office:



Your job or role in the organisation or group:



Question 1c: If you are answering these questions for an organisation, what kind of organisation is it?

A council.

A government organisation that was set up by the 2008 Planning Act, like the Environment Agency.

A voluntary organisation or an organisation that was set up to improve a local area.

A business.

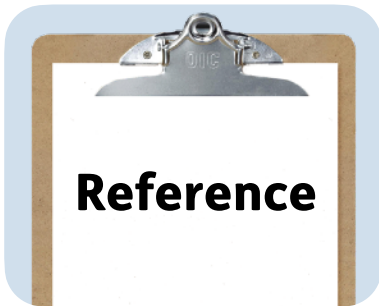
Other - Please describe the organisation below:



Question 2: Do you own land or have an interest in land, and have been given a 'Land Interest Questionnaire'?

Yes - please go to question 2a.

No - please go to question 3.



Question 2a: Please give the reference you were given with your 'Land Interest Questionnaire'.

I do not have this reference.



Question 3: Which of these answers describe you? *Please tick all the answers that describe you.*

I live in the area that will be affected by the River Thames Scheme.

I work in or own a business in the area that will be affected by the River Thames Scheme.

I go to school, college or university in the area that will be affected by the River Thames Scheme.

I own land that will be affected by the River Thames Scheme.

I visit the area that will be affected by the River Thames Scheme a lot.

I use the River Thames a lot.

There are more answers on the next page.

I have an interest in the wildlife and environment in the area that will be affected by the River Thames Scheme.

None of these answers describe me.



Question 4: How often do you travel to or around the area that will be affected by the River Thames Scheme?

Nearly every day.

A few times a week.

A few times a month.

A few times a year.

Once a year or less.

I do not visit any area that will be affected by the River Thames Scheme.



Question 5: How do you travel around in the area that will be affected by the River Thames Scheme? *Please tick all the answers that apply to you.*

By car, van or motorbike.

By public transport, like buses, trains or taxis.

By bicycle or scooter.

By walking or jogging.

I use the River, like by using a boat, canoe or kayak.

None of these.

I do not visit the area.

Other - Please describe how you travel around below:

Flooding



Question 6: Have you dealt with flooding in the area that will be affected by the River Thames Scheme?

Yes - please go to question 7.

No - please go to question 9.



Question 7: If you have dealt with flooding, what types of flooding have you dealt with? *Please tick all the answers that apply to you.*

River flooding - this is when a river has too much water in it and overflows.

Groundwater flooding - this is when the ground has too much water in it and water starts to rise above the ground.

There are more answers on the next page.

- Surface water flooding - this is when water on the ground cannot be drained away properly, so there is flooding.
- Tidal flooding - this is when a sea has too much water and goes over barriers that usually stop sea water going onto land.
- I do not know.



Question 8: When did you deal with flooding? *Please tick all the answers that apply to you.*

- Less than a year ago.
- 1 or 2 years ago.
- 2 to 5 years ago.
- 5 to 10 years ago.
- More than 10 years ago.
- I do not know.



Question 9: Please tell us how much you agree or disagree that the River Thames Scheme will help reduce flooding.

Strongly agree

Agree

Neither

Disagree

Strongly disagree

I do not know



Question 10: Please tell us why you agree or disagree that the River Thames Scheme will help reduce flooding.

Empty text box for providing reasons for agreement or disagreement.

New green space - Royal Hythe

Royal Hythe



Question 11: Which of these things would you like to see at Royal Hythe green space? *Please tick all the things you would like to see.*

- Walking paths.
- Jogging and fitness paths.
- Outdoor gym.
- Play areas for children aged 2 to 5.
- Play spaces for children aged 5 to 12 that are made using the land that is already there.
- Play and relaxing space for teenagers.
- Viewpoints and outdoor seating areas.

There are more answers on the next page.

Covered seating areas.

Areas to use nature for your mental health and wellbeing.

Other - Please describe what you would like to see below:



Question 12: Which of these more active things would you like to see at Royal Hythe green space? *Please tick all the things you would like to see.*

Organised sports, like football.

A sports and games area which is fenced and has a hard surface.

Skating and skateboarding.

BMX area.

Parkour and free running paths - this is when people run and jump through an area which has obstacles.

Adventure golf.

Adventure play equipment for children aged 5 to 12.

There are more answers on the next page.

Adventure play equipment for teenagers.

Water play spaces.

Other - Please describe what you would like to see below:



Question 13: Which of these things would you like to see at Royal Hythe green space? *Please tick all the things you would like to see.*

A place that sells food and drink with outdoor seating only.

A cafe with some indoor seating.

Toilets.

Car parking.

An indoor space that people can book for events, like meetings.

Indoor soft play for children.

Cycle hire - this is when you pay to use a bicycle for a short time.

Electric vehicle charging spaces.

There are more answers on the next page.

A safe place to store your belongings and showers.

Outdoor lighting.

Other - Please describe what you would like to see below:



Question 14: Which of these things to do with learning would you like to see at Royal Hythe green space? *Please tick all the things you would like to see.*

Space to show and share information that will help people learn something.

A water area with hidden spots to watch birds.

Pond dipping - this is when you put a net in a pond to catch wildlife that lives there.

New woodlands and areas for wildlife to live.

Re-building old historical buildings for people to look at.

Walking paths that show history.

Other - Please describe what you would like to see below:



Question 15: Which of these things to do with art would you like to see at Royal Hythe green space? *Please tick all the things you would like to see.*

A sculpture park.

Space to show and share pieces of art that have been done by people in the local area.

Land art - this is art that is made using the land that is already there.

Gardens that are not for playing in.

A maze.

Other - Please describe what you would like to see below:



Question 16: Which of these things to do with entertainment would you like to see at Royal Hythe green space?
Please tick all the things you would like to see.

A space for outdoor events like a market or cinema.

An outdoor theatre.

Other - Please describe what you would like to see below:

New green space - Sheepwalk

Sheepwalk



Question 17: Which of these things would you like to see at Sheepwalk green space? *Please tick all the things you would like to see.*

- Walking paths.
- Jogging and fitness paths.
- Outdoor gym.
- Play areas for children aged 2 to 5.
- Play spaces for children aged 5 to 12 that are made using the land that is already there.
- Play and relaxing space for teenagers.
- Viewpoints and outdoor seating areas.

There are more answers on the next page.

Covered seating areas.

Areas to use nature for your mental health and wellbeing.

Other - Please describe what you would like to see below:



Question 18: Which of these more active things would you like to see at Sheepwalk green space? *Please tick all the things you would like to see.*

Organised sports, like football.

A sports and games area which is fenced and has a hard surface.

Skating and skateboarding.

BMX area.

Parkour and free running paths - this is when people run and jump through an area which has obstacles.

Adventure golf.

Adventure play equipment for children aged 5 to 12.

There are more answers on the next page.

Adventure play equipment for teenagers.

Water play spaces.

Other - Please describe what you would like to see below:



Question 19: Which of these things would you like to see at Sheepwalk green space? *Please tick all the things you would like to see.*

A place that sells food and drink with outdoor seating only.

A cafe with some indoor seating.

Toilets.

Car parking.

An indoor space that people can book for events, like meetings.

Indoor soft play for children.

Cycle hire - this is when you pay to use a bicycle for a short time.

Electric vehicle charging spaces.

There are more answers on the next page.

A safe place to store your belongings and showers.

Outdoor lighting.

Other - Please describe what you would like to see below:



Question 20: Which of these things to do with learning would you like to see at Sheepwalk green space? *Please tick all the things you would like to see.*

Space to show and share information that will help people learn something.

A water area with hidden spots to watch birds.

Pond dipping - this is when you put a net in a pond to catch wildlife that lives there.

New woodlands and areas for wildlife to live.

Re-building old historical buildings for people to look at.

Walking paths that show history.

Other - Please describe what you would like to see below:



Question 21: Which of these things to do with art would you like to see at Sheepwalk green space? *Please tick all the things you would like to see.*

A sculpture park.

Space to show and share pieces of art that have been done by people in the local area.

Land art - this is art that is made using the land that is already there.

Gardens that are not for playing in.

A maze.

Other - Please describe what you would like to see below:



Question 22: Which of these things to do with entertainment would you like to see at Sheepwalk green space?
Please tick all the things you would like to see.

A space for outdoor events like a market or cinema.

An outdoor theatre.

Other - Please describe what you would like to see below:

New water space - Abbey 1 Lake



Abbey 1 Lake

Question 23: Which of these things would you like to see at Abbey 1 Lake water space? *Please tick all the things you would like to see.*

Walking paths.

Jogging and fitness paths.

Viewpoints and outdoor seating areas.

Covered seating areas.

Other - Please describe what you would like to see below:



Question 24: Which of these more active things would you like to see at Abbey 1 Lake water space? *Please tick all the things you would like to see.*

Canoeing and kayaking.

Paddleboarding.

Small boat sailing.

Other - Please describe what you would like to see below:



Question 25: Which of these things would you like to see at Abbey 1 Lake water space? *Please tick all the things you would like to see.*

A place that sells food and drink with outdoor seating only.

A cafe with some indoor seating.

Toilets.

Car parking.

An indoor space that people can book for events, like meetings.

Indoor soft play for children.

Cycle hire - this is when you pay to use a bicycle for a short time.

Electric vehicle charging spaces.

There are more answers on the next page.

A safe place to store your belongings and showers.

Outdoor lighting.

Other - Please describe what you would like to see below:

Active travel path



Question 26: Please tell us how much you agree or disagree that the active travel path is a good idea.

Strongly agree

Agree

Neither

Disagree

Strongly disagree

I do not know





Question 27: Please tell us why you agree or disagree that the active travel path is a good idea.

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Question 28: Why do you think you would use the active travel path?
Please tick all the answers that apply to you.

To travel to another type of travel, such as a train station.

To travel to work.

To travel to school or college.

To travel to local services, like the shops or doctor's surgery.

To travel to the new green spaces.

To visit friends or family.

To walk my pet.

There are more answers on the next page.

For relaxing and exercising.

Other - Please describe how you would use the active travel path below:



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Question 29: What would make you use the active travel path more?

Please rank these answers from 1 to 5, in order of how likely they would be to make you use the active travel path.

1 is the answer that would most make you use the active travel path, and 5 is the answer that would least make you use the active travel path.

Separate paths for cyclists and walkers.

Outdoor lighting at night.

Clear signs and maps along the path.

More off-road paths for cyclists.

The surface of the path and what type of ground it is.



Question 30: Please tell us about anything else that would make you use the active travel path more.

Empty response box for Question 30.



Question 31: Please tell us how much you agree or disagree with bridges being included in the active travel path.

Strongly agree

Agree

Neither

Disagree

Strongly disagree

I do not know





Question 32: Please tell us why you agree or disagree with bridges being included in the active travel path.

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New areas for wildlife



Question 33: Please tell us how much you agree or disagree with the River Thames Scheme making new areas for wildlife to live in.

Strongly agree

Agree

Neither

Disagree

Strongly disagree

I do not know

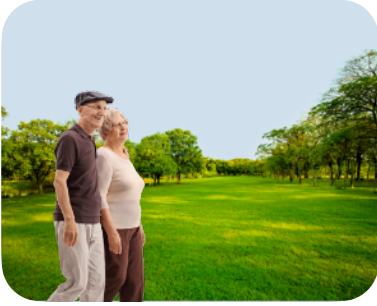


Question 34: Please tell us why you agree or disagree with new areas for wildlife being made.



Question 35: We plan to include different types of areas for wildlife to live in, like woodland, meadow and grassland.

Please tell us if you have any comments about this.

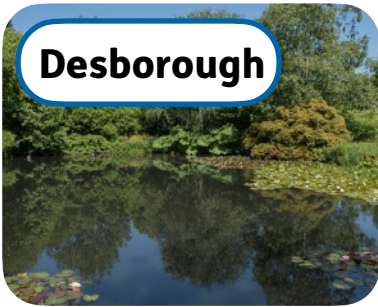


Question 36: We plan to help people enjoy nature and wildlife at Royal Hythe and Sheepwalk green spaces.

Please tell us if you have any comments about how we can do this.

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New water area for wildlife - Desborough Island



Question 37: Please tell us if you have any comments about our plans to make a new water area for wildlife at Desborough Island.

Water activities



Question 38: Please tell us how much you agree or disagree that we should offer these water activities as part of the River Thames Scheme:

a. Canoeing and kayaking

Strongly agree

Agree

Neither

Disagree

Strongly disagree

I do not know



b. Swimming

Strongly agree

Agree

Neither

Disagree

Strongly disagree

I do not know



c. Paddleboarding

Strongly agree

Agree

Neither

Disagree

Strongly disagree

I do not know



d. Fishing

Strongly agree

Agree

Neither

Disagree

Strongly disagree

I do not know



Question 39: Please tell us if you have any comments about us offering water activities as part of the River Thames Scheme.

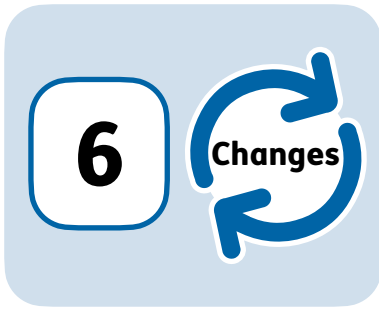
Spelthorne Channel Section



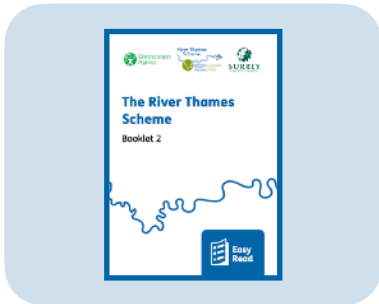
Question 40: Please tell us if you have any comments about the route of the new Spelthorne Channel Section.



We may have to make some changes to the way the Spelthorne Channel Section goes through Ferris Meadow Lake.



We have come up with 6 different changes we could make.



You can read about these changes in booklet 2.



Question 41: Please tell us which of the changes you think are good ideas and why.

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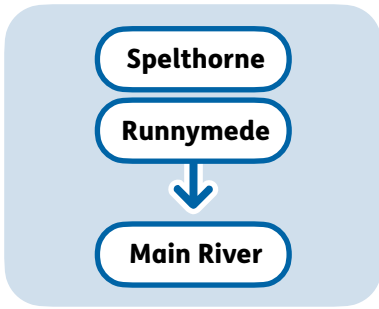
Question 42: Please tell us any other comments you have about our plans for the new Spelthorne Channel Section.

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Runnymede Channel Section



Question 43: Please tell us any comments you have about our plans for the new Runnymede Channel Section.



When they have been built, the Spelthorne and Runnymede Channel Sections will be thought of as a ‘main river’.



Question 44: Please tell us any comments you have about this.

Reducing flooding



Question 45: Please tell us any comments you have about the following River Thames Scheme plans to help reduce flooding:

- a. Making the River deeper in certain areas.

- b. A new **weir** at Sunbury.

Remember, a **weir** is like a type of barrier. Weirs control how much water in the river is allowed through into the rest of the river.

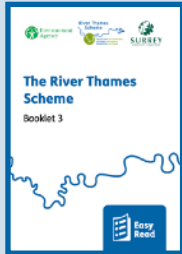
c. A new weir at Molesey.



d. A new weir at Teddington.



Managing materials and waste



You can read about how we plan to manage materials and waste in booklet 3.



Question 46: Please tell us how much you agree or disagree with how we plan to manage materials and waste.

Strongly agree

Agree

Neither

Disagree

Strongly disagree

I do not know





Question 47: Please tell us any comments you have about the following River Thames Scheme plans for materials and waste:

- a. Plans for how we will move materials and waste around.

- b. Plans for where we will sort materials.

Building work



Question 48: Which of these things are going to be important to you when we are doing our building work? *Please tick all the answers that apply to you.*

The times and days we do our building work.

Managing the amount of noise we make.

Managing how our building work will make the local area look.

Lighting on our building work sites.

How our building work might affect the environment.

Safety in and around our building work sites.

- Where our building work sites and offices will be.
- Managing how our building work might affect people using the roads.
- Managing how our building work might affect public transport.
- Managing how our building work might affect landfill sites - these are areas where rubbish and waste are kept.
- Managing how our building work might affect paths and routes for people walking or cycling.
- Managing how our builders might affect the local area, like causing extra traffic on the road.

Using the River Thames to move materials around.

Other - Please describe what is important to you:



Question 49: Please tell us if you feel there is anything else we should think about when planning our building work.



We are thinking about having car parks that are just for our builders. This will be to stop other car parks getting too full.



Question 50: Do you have any comments about this?

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The environment

Booklet 3 explains how we have looked at:



- How the River Thames Scheme could harm the environment.



- How we can stop the River Thames Scheme from harming the environment.



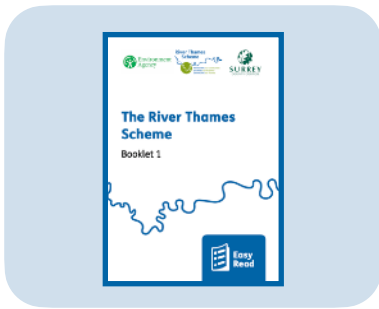
- How the River Thames can protect and improve the environment.



Question 51: Please tell us if you feel there is anything else we should think about when looking at how the River Thames Scheme might affect the environment.

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Our goals



You can read about the goals of the River Thames Scheme in booklet 1.



Question 52: Do you think the plans in the River Thames Scheme meet our goals?

Yes.

No.



Question 53: Please tell us why you do or do not think the plans in the River Thames Scheme meet our goals.



Question 54: Please tell us anything else you feel we should think about when working on the River Thames Scheme.

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The booklets

Question 55: Please tell us how good you think each of these things are:



a. The booklets - think about whether they were clear and easy to understand.

Very good

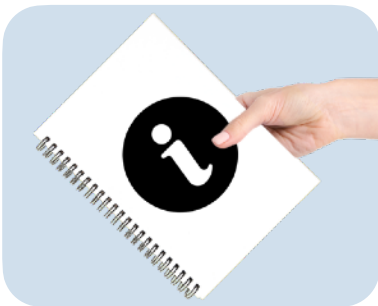
Good

Neither

Bad

Very bad

I do not know



b. Information - think about whether we gave you enough information to be able to answer these questions.

Very good

Good

Neither

Bad

Very bad

I do not know



c. Sharing of the booklets - think about whether we shared the booklets with enough people.

Very good

Good

Neither

Bad

Very bad

I do not know



d. Events - think about whether we told you about any events and where they would take place.

Very good

Good

Neither

Bad

Very bad

I do not know

I think...



Question 56: Please tell us any comments you have about the booklets we have given you.

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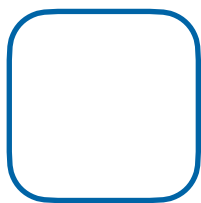
About you



We would like you to answer some questions about yourself.



Your answers might be used in our report, but nobody will know the answers came from you.



If you do not want the answers you give to be in our report, please tick this box.



You do not have to answer these questions if you do not want to.



Question 58: Which of these answers best describes you?

I am a man.

I am a woman.

I am non-binary - this is when you feel like you are not a man or a woman.

I do not want to say.



Question 59: How many people live in your house?

I do not want to say.



Question 60: Does your house have any of the following:

Children aged 10 or younger.

Children aged between 11 to 18.

Adults aged between 18 to 66.

Adults aged 67 or older.

I do not want to say.



Question 61: Do you have a disability or illness that you have had for a very long time?

Yes.

No.

I do not want to say.



Question 62: What is your age?

I do not want to say.



Question 63: Have you changed your **gender** since you were born? Your **gender** is whether you are a man, a woman or non-binary.

Yes.

No.

I do not want to say.



Question 64: What is your ethnicity?
Your **ethnicity** is your race or background. For example you may be Black, White or Asian.

I do not want to say.



Question 65: What religion do you follow?

I do not follow a religion.

I do not want to say.



Question 66: Which of these answers best describes your **sexuality**? Your **sexuality** is who you are attracted to.

I am bisexual - I am attracted to to both men and women.

I am a gay man - I am a man who is attracted to other men.

I am a gay woman / lesbian - I am a woman who is attracted to other women.

I am heterosexual / straight - I am attracted to people who are a different gender to me.

Other.

I do not want to say.



Question 67: Do you look after someone else because they are ill, very old or have a disability?

Yes.

No.

Getting involved with the River Thames Scheme



You can get up to date information about the River Thames Scheme by getting our newsletter.



Question 68: Would you like to start getting our newsletter?

Yes.

No.

If you are happy for us to contact you with up to date information about the River Thames Scheme, please tell us:



Your email address:



Your address and postcode:

Thank you



Thank you for answering the questions in this booklet.



We will use what you have said to make changes to the River Thames Scheme if we need to.

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