



**RIVER  
POLLUTION  
FORUM**

## **Pan Parish River Pollution Forum**

### **Terms of Reference**

#### **Name**

1. The name of the group is the Pan Parish River Pollution Forum (PPRP Forum).
2. The PPRP Forum will be dissolved once the member Parish Councils are satisfied there is no longer a need for the group.

#### **Objectives**

3. To raise awareness in member and surrounding parishes about the extent of the pollution of the River Test and the damage this is causing to the river's ecology, and the threat it represents to local businesses and livelihoods and to public health.
4. To share and disseminate data and information among members of the PPRP Forum regarding levels of pollution and pollution incidents in the River Test.
5. To campaign to stop the pollution<sup>1</sup> of the River Test.
6. To lobby Southern Water, the Environment Agency, Test Valley Borough Council and elected local and parliamentary representatives and other relevant bodies to enforce existing legislation to stop the pollution of the River Test.
7. To seek to work with Southern Water and the Environment Agency to achieve a dialogue and greater transparency regarding pollution and actions taken to prevent and stop it.
8. To campaign for changes in legislation to make Southern Water and the Environment agency more accountable, and for changes in legislation where greater powers are deemed necessary.

#### **Structure**

9. The PPRP Forum shall not make any commitment of funds or make any expenditure on behalf of any of the member Parish Councils.
10. Membership and Meetings
  - (a) Councillors and non-councillors may be members of the PPRP Forum.
  - (b) Meetings shall be held as and when agreed by the PPRP Forum but at least four times a year.

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<sup>1</sup> Pollution in the river can come from point source pollution, such as sewage, wastewater treatment plants as well as industrial spills of chemicals and petrochemicals, and diffuse pollution from agricultural fertilisers, manure and pesticides, road run off and general sedimentation.

Note: There are also a range of per- and polyfluorinated alkyl (PFA) substances known as the 'forever chemicals' that are harmful to life in our rivers that are persistent, bio-accumulative and difficult to break down. PFAs are used in a wide range of consumer products and are thought to enter the rivers in wastewater and sewage.