

## Consultation outcome: Local authority environmental regulation fees and charges 2017

*Updated:* Summary of responses added.

We want to know what you think about proposed amendments to the environmental permitting fees and charges schemes, including a general increase of 4.5%. Do you think the increase is justified to cover regulatory costs?

We particularly want to hear from Local Authority Environmental Health regulators, from operators of regulated facilities and their trade associations.

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## Consultation outcome: Bathing waters: designation of Manor Steps beach, Bournemouth

*Updated:* Updated with the summary of responses and the decision to designate this beach as a bathing water.

We want to know what you think about a proposal to designate Manor Steps beach, Bournemouth, as a bathing water under the Bathing Water Directive (2006/7/EC). This proposal follows an application we have received from Bournemouth Borough Council.

We have published evidence of facilities and usage at the site. You can also read the [criteria for designation and de-designation of bathing waters](#).

This consultation will be of interest to the recreation sector, leisure and tourism industries, beach users, environmental campaigners and families.

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## Consultation outcome: Bathing waters: designating 8 beaches in Cornwall

*Updated:* Summary of responses added and decision made to designate the 8 beaches (Booby's Bay, Fistral South, Godrevy Towans, Gwynver, Mexico Towans, Northcott Mouth, Tregonhawke, Upton Towans) as bathing waters.

We want to know what you think about a proposal to designate eight beaches in Cornwall as bathing waters under the Bathing Water Directive (2006/7/EC). This follows an application we have received from Cornwall Council. The beaches being considered are:

- Booby's Bay, near St Merryn
- Godrevy, The Towans, Hayle
- Gwynver, Whitesand Bay
- Northcott Mouth, near Bude
- South Fistral, Newquay
- Mexico Towan, Hayle
- Tregonhawke, Whitsand Bay
- Upton Towan, Hayle

We have published evidence of facilities and usage at each site. You can also read the [criteria for designation and de-designation of bathing waters](#).

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