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Press Release

RESPONSE TO DEFRA STRATEGIC POLICY STATEMENT FOR OFWAT

Action for the River Kennet (ARK) is welcoming the prioritisation of the environment for the first time in Defra's latest Strategic Policy Statement for Ofwat.

Charlotte Hitchmough, ARK Director said, 'ARK would like to see more ambition and specifics on enforceable mechanisms. We are pleased to see a focus on nature-based solutions and recognition of partnership working to drive change, but now is the time for clarity on how Ofwat should regulate this shift to achieve objectives and to enhance water quality and deliver a resilient and sustainable water supply.'

Five of Thames Water's ten worst performing sewage treatment works in 2020 affected the Kennet and Pang.

ARK is The Rivers Trust for the Kennet and Pang Catchments, to see The Rivers Trust's Press Release today visit: <https://www.riverstrust.org/about-us/news/response-to-defra-strategic-policy-statement-for-ofwat>

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Notes to editor: Action for the River Kennet is a charity dedicated to protecting and improving the rivers in the Kennet catchment, they are proud members of The Rivers Trust.

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