

We have received notification via Richard Cooper (following on from Stephen Culpin who organised the Bid) that DEFRA have put our Bid (and 26 others) out to public consultation.

<https://consult.defra.gov.uk/water/consultation-on-designation-of-27-sites-as-bathing/>

Our Bid heads the list of the 27! (not sure the basis for that, but I am grateful for it!)

The 27 bids out for consultation include 14 for river locations, including our friends from Wetherby.

In terms of numbers of bathers our average of 276 bathers on the two occasions submitted exceeds all other river locations apart from the river Cam and the River Dart (2 locations)  
Surely that counts for something?

Please encourage friends, and colleagues to submit supportive responses to the online survey found in the above link, but also on <https://consult.defra.gov.uk/water/consultation-on-designation-of-27-sites-as-bathing/consultation/>

Deadline is March 10th

The survey asks:  
whether you support the application (YES?),  
you to provide reasons for your support, and  
you to comment on the existing facilities available.

Help us and the river Nidd (more monitoring and more investment would follow - to improve the river's water quality for humans and the ecology of the river.

David

NAG Chair