During the forthcoming general election please question candidates on their commitment to improve our rivers and seas.

A coalition of organizations and citizen groups leading the movement to clean up our rivers, lakes and seas in this country are calling for all parties to make a Manifesto Commitment to stop the Pollution of our Rivers, Lakes and Seas. The local contact for this coalition is Prof. Becky Malby of Ilkley Clean River Group

They expect the new government to respond rapidly to national public outrage at the state of our water. Our rivers, lakes and seas should be protected and safe for nature, for ourselves and for future generations. The attached briefing may provide you with useful information.

The coalition feels that manifestos should include:

- 1. Our government will enforce the law now to deliver the investment to end raw sewage pollution; effectively treat our sewage; and maintain our sewage system to provide for our population now and in the future.
- 2. Our government will stop pollution for profit and the exploitation of consumers and taxpayers. The government will regulate to protect citizens and the environment, not water companies.

This will require proper governance, effective regulation, and reforming the model of ownership.

Please consider supporting these proposals by asking all candidates for their commitment.

The Aims of Nidd Action Group, which is not politically aligned, are completely in tune with this action

Please read Sewage Briefing Key Issues May 2024

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