

APPENDIX B - Current Consultations – May 2022

Purpose of Document	Portfolio	Director	Response to be agreed by	Contact	Deadline for response
<p>Storm Overflow Discharge Reduction Plan</p> <p>Storm overflows are safety valves built into the combined sewer system to discharge excess sewage to rivers, lakes, or the sea when rainfall exceeds capacity. This protects properties from flooding and prevents sewage backing up into streets and homes during heavy storm events. A growing population, an increase in hard surfaces and more frequent and heavier storms because of climate change have increased pressure on the system, bringing the frequency of discharges to an unacceptable level.</p> <p>There are around 15,000 storm overflows in England, and in 2020 there were over 400,000 sewage discharges, totalling over 3 million hours. It is the government’s strong view that this is unacceptable.</p> <p>Tackling storm overflows in England is a government priority. It is an issue which has received significant public attention and the government is firmly committed to a step change on action to protect public health and the environment from storm overflow discharges. We intend to produce a Storm Overflow Discharge Reduction Plan by September 2022, as required by the Environment Act 2021, to outline our vision. This will set clear and enforceable targets that the water industry must meet. This consultation seeks views on the targets and other core elements of the Plan in advance of its publication.</p> <p>Consultation on the Government’s Storm Overflow Discharge Reduction Plan - Defra - Citizen Space</p>	Environment	Nicola Hix, Strategy and Support Services	Officers in consultation with Portfolio Holder	Tessa Saunders	12 May 2022

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<p>Review of the Vagrancy Act: consultation on effective replacement</p> <p>This consultation seeks views on the replacement of offences previously held in the Vagrancy Act. This covers the following areas:</p> <p>a. How to replace the offences in the Vagrancy Act which prohibit begging in an appropriate way that prioritises getting individuals into support.</p> <p>b. How we can make sure that replacement legislation on begging supports the right environment in which to deliver effective services and to engage with vulnerable people constructively.</p> <p>c. What other changes – either legislative or non-legislative – should be considered to better equip police, local authorities, and other agencies to engage with people who are rough sleeping and to encourage them into support.</p> <p>Review of the Vagrancy Act: consultation on effective replacement - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)</p>	Strategy and Housing	Kirsty Larkins, Service Delivery	Officers in consultation with Portfolio Holder	Barbie Markey / Paul Huntington	05 May 2022