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Proposed determination of Environment Agency – changes to main river map in the East Kent Stour Marshes area.

The Environment Agency proposes to reduce the length of ten watercourses in East Kent that are currently designated as a 'main river'.

This change represents a 'determination' under [section 193C\(1\) of the Water Resources Act 1991](#). A determination is a formal decision to change the main river map.

The proposed determinations are that the:

- **Lampen Stream** (MRV\_100042) between national grid reference (NGR) TR 21665 60199 and NGR TR 22266 61117
- **Minster Stream** (MRV\_100033, MRV\_100034, MRV\_100035) between national grid reference (NGR) TR 27839 63845 and NGR TR 33526 62187
- **Richborough Stream** (MRV\_100031, MRV\_100032) between national grid reference (NGR) TR 27037 63248 and NGR TR 32587 60192
- **Great Stour** (MRV\_100029) between national grid reference (NGR) TQ 91205 49148 and NGR TQ 94386 45936
- **Gosshall Stream** (MRV\_100038) Western Arm between national grid reference (NGR) TR 30282 59377 and NGR TR31020 59740 and the Gosshall Stream Eastern Arm between national grid reference (NGR) TR 31295 60528 and NGR TR 31284 59664
- **Shelvingford Arm** (MRV\_100028) between national grid reference (NGR) TR 21284 65315 and NGR TR 22041 65543
- **General Valley Feed** (MRV\_100030) between national grid reference (NGR) TR 24915 63238 and NGR TR 25009 62953
- **North and South Stream and Broad Dyke** (MRV\_100036, MRV\_100037) North Stream between national grid reference (NGR) TR 34543 52752 and NGR TR 34012 54227, the South Stream between national grid reference (NGR) 35088 52076 and NGR TR 34187 54125 and the Broad Dyke between national grid reference (NGR) TR 34079 52450 and NGR TR 34572 52718
- **Sparrows Bridge** (MRV\_100039) between national grid reference (NGR) TR 05166 47771 and NGR TR 05292 48066
- **Hogwell Sewer** (MRV\_100027) between national grid reference (NGR) 22119 68226 and NGR TR 22946 68646.

which are currently designated as main river, should be re-designated as ordinary watercourses.

The change would mean that the River Stour (Kent) Internal Drainage Board would have powers to carry out work to manage flood risk for the re-designated sections of the watercourses. The Environment Agency would no longer have any permissive powers to carry out works on these sections of the watercourses.

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The change would also affect how the watercourse is regulated. If you wanted to carry out works in or next to the watercourse, you might have to get consent from Mr P N Dowling, Clerk & Engineer of the River Stour (Kent) Internal Drainage Board via [pete.dowling@riverstouridb.org.uk](mailto:pete.dowling@riverstouridb.org.uk)

### **Where can I found out more information and comment on the proposed changes?**

You can view and comment on the proposals from midday 15 January via our online consultation at

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/rationalising-the-main-river-network-de-maining-proposals>.

If you have any comments or queries about this proposal you can also email [alex.bateman@environment-agency.gov.uk](mailto:alex.bateman@environment-agency.gov.uk) or write to:

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Please quote Stour Marshes de-maining pilot proposals when you contact the Environment Agency. You need to submit your response to the online consultation or send your comments to the Environment Agency by 12 February 2018.

Maps of the proposed changes can also be viewed at our Environment Agency office:

Rivers House  
Sturry Road  
Canterbury  
Kent  
CT2 0AA

and at Canterbury City Council office:

Military Road  
Canterbury  
Kent  
CT1 1YW.