

ANNOUNCEMENT OF CONSULTATION ON DRAFT PLAN AND ITS ACCOMPANYING ENVIRONMENTAL REPORT

(SI 2004 1633 (England) Regulation 13 (2))

For –Flood Risk Management Strategy Plans

PREPARED FOLLOWING THE PRINCIPLES OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT OF PLANS AND PROGRAMMES REGULATIONS 2004¹

River Tame Flood Risk Management Strategy (Tame Strategy)

THE ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT REGULATIONS SI 2004 1633

The Environment Agency gives notice that an Environmental Report, the above River Tame Flood Risk Management Strategy (Tame Strategy) draft plan, and other relevant documents have been prepared and are available for consultation from Monday 18th May 2009. The Tame Strategy sets out our plan for the sustainable management of flood risk to people, property and the environment over the next 100 years.

The Flood Risk Management Strategy encompasses a study area comprising the whole of the River Tame catchment to where it flows into the River Trent. The River Tame is formed from two distinct watercourses (The Oldbury Arm and the Willenhall Arm) that have their source to the west of Birmingham. The River Tame flows eastwards from through the conurbation of Birmingham, before flowing northward to the confluence of the River Trent, just north of Tamworth.

A strategic approach means we have looked at the issue of flood risk management in a comprehensive way, for this 1490 square kilometers catchment and taken account of all associated impacts and the interests of other parties. The Tame Strategy also seeks to identify opportunities for improving the condition of habitats, species and ecosystems.

We apply a clearly defined approach as set by the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra). To develop the strategy we used a two-stage process. The first stage was to identify all the possible options available to manage flood risk at a broad strategic level. The second stage involved a detailed assessment of the likely economic costs and benefits as well as the potential environmental impacts. We have described the preferred option (or combination of options) for each section of the river and the most significant environmental impacts of the preferred options.

The Environment Agency invites the public and the consultees to express their opinion on the relevant documents. Members of the public may inspect (inspection is free) and / or obtain a copy of the relevant documents from the following address between 9am - 5pm:

River Tame Strategy Consultation, Environment Agency, Olton Court, 10 Warwick Road,
Solihull, B92 7HX

If a copy of the documents on CD is required please call 08708 506 506 or e-mail rivertamestrategy@environment-agency.gov.uk

Opinions on the relevant documents must be sent to the Environment Agency at the address above by 10 August 2009. A post adoption statement will be published in Autumn.

Tame Strategy
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