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Under the Timeline heading for the New Local Plan one of the two stated objectives is To Recognise the High Environmental Quality of The District.

As you may be aware, our chalk stream ecosystem is under severe stress and we have lost many miles of flowing watercourses in the Chilterns. In June this year Chalk Streams in Crisis, a joint report by twelve organisations, including Chilterns Conservation Board and BBOWT, was published. This document will inform much of the House of Commons debate on the issue taking place tomorrow, 22 July.

I note that the NLP Supporting Evidence includes a Safeguarded Reservoir section by Thames Water. Also, at the 16 July Town Expansion meeting with Risborough area residents one of the WDC panel (Aude?), indicated that TW would not be increasing abstraction volume from local boreholes, to meet water supply requirements of the imminent development.

Further to the above, we would ask that WDC and Thames Water include a written commitment in the NLP to guarantee that further town development will not rely on any additional groundwater being drawn from the chalk aquifer, thus exacerbating an already dire environmental problem.

Regards

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On behalf of Risborough Environmental Group

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