

Bathing Water Review Wales 2024

Consultation Response Form

Please submit your comments by 19 February 2024. Please respond to this consultation by answering the questions set out in the response form. Responses can be submitted by email: water@gov.wales.

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Question 1

Do you agree or disagree with our proposal to designate The Warren, Hay-on-Wye as a bathing water for the 2024 bathing season?

Agree

What is your view on the proposal and your reason/evidence to support your view?

The site at the Warren is already popular with bathers and a prime candidate for designation. HOWEVER see our response to Question 5.

Question 2

Do you agree or disagree with our proposal to designate Nefyn Beach as a bathing water for the 2024 bathing season? **N/A**

What is your view on the proposal and your reason/evidence to support your view? **N/A**

Question 3

We would like to know your views on the effects the proposals would have on the Welsh language, specifically on opportunities for people to use Welsh and on treating the Welsh language no less favourably than English.

What effects do you think there would be? How could positive effects be increased, or negative effects be mitigated? **N/A**

Question 4

Please also explain how you believe the proposed actions could be formulated or changed to have positive effects or increased positive effects on opportunities for people to use the Welsh language and on treating the Welsh language no less favourably than the English language. **N/A**

Question 5

We have asked a number of specific questions. If you have any related issues which we have not specifically addressed, please use this space to report them:

Please enter here: **The Warren has a long history of use by both swimmers and canoeists and it seems somewhat perverse that the site should be promoted for bathers while paddlesport users continue to be denied use of its beach. We therefore urge you to negotiate as a condition of designation the right for passing paddle-craft users to land and re-launch at the Warren; and perhaps for car park users to launch and land paddle-craft there. If this site does achieve designation (and a consequent increase in bather numbers), it may be necessary to agree a 'behaviour code' to minimise the risk of conflict between bathers and paddle-craft users. SWOAPG would be prepared to assist in negotiating any such arrangements.**

Responses to consultations are likely to be made public, on the internet or in a report. If you would prefer your response to remain anonymous, please tick here: