

## RESPONSE TO CHALK STREAM QUESTIONNAIRE

..... : LOCAL RESIDENT SG8 6.....

1 Completed as individual

2 Bruce Huett

3 Not riparian owner

4 N/A

5 Is there anything we have missed from the baseline report?

A suggested strategic way forward to save our chalk streams. The individual action plans are good but I note they specifically state that wider issues related to water usage and abstraction are outside the scope of the report.

6 Are you aware of other available data we should be considering?

The authors are well versed in the literature/data related to the issues. There is an increasing body of evidence that if action is not taken immediately we will lose our chalk streams in all but name. I recommend the Cam Valley Forum Manifesto and their document "Let it Flow".

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- Formation of a Greater Cambridge Chalk Stream Partnership
- Multiple organisation bid for large scale grant/s
- Tailored local grants for individual organisations to bid for prioritised projects
- Funded technical support from local specialists
- Coordinated procurement of technical studies, surveys, materials etc
- Coordinated publicity and volunteering opportunities
- Coordinated action to prevent further development and water abstraction

8 Please share any other thoughts on how best to implement practical habitat action for our chalks streams

One important thing to remember is that each stream is different. A "one size fits all" approach will not work. The strategy should engage with local experts who know their streams intimately. Advice from the Environment Agency and Water Companies needs to be carefully reviewed as, in my experience, their views are often selective and influenced by other agendas whether political or economic.