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Dear Mr Freeman

I am writing in response to the Environment Agency's consultation 'Water for live and livelihoods - Anglia River Basin District: Challenges and choices'. I would like to respond principally to the issues raised on page 29 of the consultation document which covers the Broadland Rivers Catchment Area as this ostensibly includes my constituency.

I was disappointed to note that, under the details of the issues facing the Broadland Rivers Catchment, no mention is made of the River Waveney whatsoever. The Catchment profile appears instead to be focused on the Broads and the main rivers serving it.

The net result of this omission is that it is unclear that the Environment Agency is aware of the issues facing the River Waveney or other water bodies in my constituency, such as the River Chet, the River Tas or the River Tiffey. I know from my meetings with EA personnel on the ground that this is not the case, but the omission of such a locally important body of the water as the River Waveney from the EA's consultation is disappointing to say the least.

Turning to matters relating to water quality, I understand that Mr Dave Gladwell of the Bungay Cherry Tree Angling Club has already submitted a very well informed response to the document. I enclose a copy of Mr Gladwell's submission for your information and I would be very grateful if you could ensure that the above points and the views of my constituent Mr Gladwell and the Cherry Tree Angling Club are given the most serious consideration as part of this consultation.

I would also be very grateful if you could provide an indication that you are aware of, and are taking action on, the various issues affecting the Waveney which Mr Gladwell has outlined at length.

I look forward to seeing these points included and addressed in the EA's response to its consultation.

For your information I am copying this submission to Dr Charles Beardall, EA Area Manager for the Eastern region.

Yours sincerely

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