**Application Form**: Review of Bathing Water Designations and Dedesignation

This form must be completed and accompany all requests for designation or dedesignation of bathing waters in Wales.

Please provide the information requested below for both designation and dedesignation applications.

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| Your Name | Click or tap here to enter text. |
| Organisation | Click or tap here to enter text. |
| Email | Click or tap here to enter text. |
| Postal address | Click or tap here to enter text. |
| Telephone | Click or tap here to enter text. |

Please provide your responses by email to:

[water@gov.wales](mailto:water@gov.wales)

By post to:

Water Team

Welsh Government

Cathays Park

Cardiff

CF10 3NQ

**Section 1**

**Are you submitting an application for a bathing water to be designated?**

Yes  please complete section 2 and provide the evidence described.

No

**Are you submitting an application for dedesignation of a bathing water which you believe is no longer used by a large number of bathers?**

Yes  please complete section 3 and provide the evidence

No

**Are you submitting comments?**

Yes  please complete section 4

No

**Section 2**

**Are there any coastal or inland waters that you know of which are used for bathing by a large number of bathers but are not currently designated as a bathing water? If so, please give the details below:**

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| Name of proposed bathing water: | Click or tap here to enter text. |
| Address: | Click or tap here to enter text. |
| National Grid Reference: | Click or tap here to enter text. |

**Are you the owner or leaseholder of the site?**

Owner

Leaseholder

Neither  please complete the details below

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| Name and contact details of owner or leaseholder? | Click or tap here to enter text. |
| Is the application supported by the owner or leaseholder? | Click or tap here to enter text. |

**Have you contacted the landowner of the area for which designation is sought?**

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| Name and contact details of the landowner? | Click or tap here to enter text. |
| Is this application supported by the landowner? | Click or tap here to enter text. |

**Have you contacted the area Local Authority?**

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| Name and contact details of the Local Authority? | Click or tap here to enter text. |
| Is this application supported by the Local Authority? | Click or tap here to enter text. |

When entering the name of the proposed bathing water please ensure that it is in line with the current name which appears on beach awards, Natural Resources Wales Profiles, etc. This is to ensure there is consistent messaging and easy identification of bathing waters in Wales.

**Evidence/information required when making an application for designation**

Please provide evidence of numbers of bathers with the application. Below is the evidence which it would be useful to supply and may be available from the area local authority:

* User survey taken at times during the bathing season (15 May to 30 September) when peak usage would be expected (weekends, bank holidays, May half-term and the school summer holiday period).
* Surveys to be carried out at a time of day when high numbers of users would be expected (11am to 3pm).
* Survey covers a minimum of 20 days.
* Breakdown of numbers of swimmers, paddlers and other beach users.

This will enable us to ensure that sites which are designated fully meet the definition of large numbers of bathers.

**Other evidence and information which can be supplied with the application for designation**

Please include a map, plan or grid reference showing the extent of the proposed bathing water and information about facilities at the bathing water site specifically aimed at bathers. Examples of bathing water site facilities could include:

* access facilities to the bathing water area;
* toilets or showers;
* car parks;
* life guards;
* markers indicating bathing areas;
* first-aid service;
* kiosks and shops, including mobile kiosks and shops;
* changing facilities;
* water sports, although in some cases intensive water sports may preclude bathing;
* regular beach cleaning;
* promotional material (leaflets, signs or website);
* history of bathing at the site;
* references to the site being good for bathing in guide books;
* evidence the relevant authority or management body is actively seeking to support and promote bathing.

**Evidence of local consultation**

Where possible, please could you outline any way in which local views have been taken into account in relation to the proposed designation. Examples of interested groups might be:

* Bathers and other bathing water users, including swimming clubs/groups
* Owners and operators of nearby businesses, e.g., cafes and shops
* Neighbourhood and Community groups
* Local environmental and civic groups
* Local Authority, or Community Councils
* Local tourist office or other local tourism body
* Local Chamber of Commerce
* Local regeneration office or other local regeneration body

A table is attached at Annex A which you can use to record bather numbers and other usage during the bathing season.

**Checklist**

Have you included evidence of the number of bathers using the site during the bathing season?

Yes  No

Have you included information about facilities at the site?

Yes  No

Have you included evidence of landowner support for this designation application?

Yes  No

Have you included evidence of Local Authority support for this designation application?

Yes  No

Have you included information or evidence of public views on this designation?

Yes  No

**Section 3**

**Are there any designated bathing waters which you believe should be dedesignated as they are no longer used by large numbers of bathers?**

Yes  No

If yes, please provide the following:

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| Name of the currently designated bathing water: | Click or tap here to enter text. |
| Address: | Click or tap here to enter text. |
| National Grid Reference: | Click or tap here to enter text. |

**Are you the owner or leaseholder of the site?**

Owner

Leaseholder

Neither  please complete the details below

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| Name and contact details of owner or leaseholder? | Click or tap here to enter text. |
| Is the application supported by the owner or leaseholder? | Click or tap here to enter text. |

**Have you contacted the landowner of the area for which designation is sought?**

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| Name and contact details of the landowner? | Click or tap here to enter text. |
| Is this application supported by the landowner? | Click or tap here to enter text. |

**Have you contacted the area Local Authority?**

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| Name and contact details of the Local Authority | Click or tap here to enter text. |
| Is this application supported by the Local Authority? | Click or tap here to enter text. |

**Evidence of low bathing usage for dedesignation**

Please provide evidence of low/no usage during the bathing season (15 May to 30 September) with the application for dedesignation.

Below is the kind of evidence which could demonstrate this:

* User survey at times during the bathing season (15 May to 30 September) when peak usage would normally be expected, but there is evidence of no/low numbers of bathers.
* Survey to be carried out at a time of day when high numbers of bathers would be expected, but there is evidence of no/low numbers of bathers. (11am to 3pm).
* Survey which cover a minimum of 20 days.

This will enable us to ensure that sites which are dedesignated are no longer used by large numbers of bathers.

**Other evidence and information for dedesignation**

Please include a map, plan or grid references showing the extent of the bathing water and information about any changes in bathing water usage/bather numbers.

Please also provide evidence of any recently withdrawn facilities to support or promote bathing (such as lifeguards, beach huts, showers and changing facilities). Examples of these could be:

* Where facilities have been recently removed; a letter setting out reasons for the withdrawal of services.
* Any evidence to support changes in bathing water usage.

Please include evidence of ways in which local views have been taken into account in relation to the proposed dedesignation and the outcome. Examples of interested groups might be:

* Bathers and other bathing water users, including swimming clubs/groups;
* Owners and operators of nearby businesses, e.g. cafes and shops;
* Neighbourhood and Community groups;
* Local environmental and civic groups;
* Local Authority, or Community Councils;
* Local tourist office or other local tourism body;
* Local Chamber of Commerce;
* Local regeneration office or other local regeneration body.

A table is attached at Annex A which you can use to record bather numbers and other usage during the bathing season. You can also provide comparative usage i.e. bather numbers prior to the drop in usage.

We recommend that notices of intent to dedesignate the bathing water are put up at the bathing water site and other community notice boards during the bathing seasons with contact details for those who wish to comment. Again, the area local authority may be able to help with this.

Please note that in the event of dedesignation, the bathing water would no longer be sampled by Natural Resources Wales and the bathing water may lose existing high levels of protection.

Please note that water quality is NOT a valid ground for dedesignation. Applications for dedesignation on water quality grounds will not be granted.

In the event of applications based on a local ban or advice against bathing we will also require:

* + Reason for ban.
  + Evidence of ban in local law or operating protocol.
  + Evidence on how ban is communicated and enforce

**Checklist**

Have you included evidence of the number of bathers using the site during the bathing season?

Yes  No

Have you included information about reduced facilities at the site?

Yes  No

Have you included evidence of landowner support for this dedesignation application?

Yes  No

Have you included evidence of Local Authority support for this dedesignation application?

Yes  No

Have you included information or evidence of public views on this application for de

designation?

Yes  No

**Section 4**

Do you have any other views or comments in relation to bathing waters? Please use the space below.

Click or tap here to enter text.

**Responses to consultations may be made public (including application information) – on the internet or in a report. If you would prefer your response to be kept confidential, please tick.**

**Annex A**

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| **Date** | **Swimmers** | | **Paddlers** | **Other bathing site users** | **Verification of numbers: brief description (results of people count)** |
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| Name and contact details of survey undertaker. Please also include organisation where appropriate. | |  | | | |