

26<sup>th</sup> April 2005

Dear Colleague,

**Voice your views on the future of the River Thames**

Following extensive consultation with members of the River Thames Alliance (RTA), we are pleased to launch the Thames Waterway Plan for public consultation. The plan aims to improve the way the River Thames is developed and cared for in the future by agreeing a new strategy and identifying specific opportunities for improvements.

The RTA is a partnership of public and private sector organisations set up in June 2003 to help plan the future of the non-tidal Thames. The Environment Agency has led the development of the plan on behalf of the RTA. Its success depends on each organisation with an interest in the River Thames adopting the policies and agreeing to undertake the actions, so that together, we can improve the River.

A copy of the plan is enclosed. The consultation is for 12 weeks and ends on the 22 July 2005.

We are encouraging on-line responses so please go to [www.visitthames.co.uk/twp](http://www.visitthames.co.uk/twp) when you are ready to respond. If you do not have access to the Internet, please use the enclosed response form and freepost envelope. If you would like further copies of any of the enclosed items, please contact Andy Yeates on 0118 953 5299.

As an organisation with an interest in the River Thames, this is your chance to input into the development of a groundbreaking approach to managing the River. We need to know whether you support the plan, and what actions you have planned or can take that will deliver improvements. Once we have received your response, we will be working with members of the RTA to finalise the plan and to integrate it into relevant local plans.

We look forward to receiving your response.

Yours faithfully,



**Eileen McKeever**  
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**on behalf of the RTA Management Committee**