

ANNEX 1 - Application for identification of a new bathing area

Applicant / Group name :*

Contact person: *

Contact address: *

Contact number: *

Email address: (optional)

Proposed / Local bathing water name: *

Ordnance Survey grid ref:*

Local authority: *

* These fields are **mandatory**. Failing to provide the information may result in the application being rejected. **All details will be treated with confidentiality**. Any additional information about bathing water/beach management which you believe strengthens your application should be included.

1. Evidence of use

Give a brief description of how the beach / bathing water have been used over the last few years to support your application (if possible) highlighting any recent changes.

For smaller / more remote locations to qualify for identification it is recommended that a **minimum of 50 beach users / 10 -15 bathers** use the beach or bathing water over the course of a single day during peak times. For larger beaches / more accessible areas **at least 100 beach users / 20 -30 bathers** per day is recommended as a rule of thumb.

'Use' is defined by a person's presence on the beach and the person does not actually need to be in the water to be counted as a beach or (potential) bathing water user. Applicants should provide evidence of this level of use on at least two separate dates, which should preferably be in different months, during the bathing season 1st June to 15th September.

This information can take the form of dated photographic or video evidence of the general bathing water in use, car counts, or people counts.

Date	Survey times (Start / Finish)	Total No. of beach users	No. of actual bathers	Weather conditions at time of survey	Name, title and organisation affiliation of person undertaking counts, or description of other evidence

2. Beach Description and Facilities

Please submit a map / diagram to accompany this application showing the area proposed to be identified as the bathing water. Give a brief description of:

- The general location of the beach;
- Its physical characteristics (sandy / stony / gently sloping / steep etc.);
- Details of the shore side environment e.g. sand dunes, grassland, marsh, pasture etc.
- Visual aspects of the beach and bathing water in relation to the immediate area (e.g. clean / some / lots of rubbish / some seaweed / lots of seaweed etc.);
- Is the bathing water / beach actively promoted to the public? (E.g. is it sign posted from the main road, promoted by tourist information centres in leaflets, on websites, maps, or through other media?) **YES** **NO**
If yes, please give further information and / or web links:
- Is there any car parking nearby? **YES** **NO** For approx. how many vehicles?
If 'No' would parking be likely to impede other road users? **YES** **NO**
- Are there any picnic facilities provided? **YES** **NO**
- Are there litter / recycling bins provide adjacent to the beach? **YES** **NO**
- Are there any toilet / changing facilities adjacent to the bathing area? **YES** **NO**
- Please provide details of the ease of access to the beach / bathing water, including any footpaths and access designed to assist disabled users;
- Is there any lifeguard / other beach supervision at this site? **YES** **NO**
- Briefly describe the content / quality of any information boards or signage located on or near the beach and who provided the information. Images of the signs would be helpful.
- Are any specific water based activities promoted, and if so by whom? If possible, please submit copies of any available promotional material or web-links to this information.

3. Consultation

Were any local community or business groups consulted? **YES** **No**
If 'Yes please provide details of who and their responses

4. Water quality

Please provide details of any water quality data which may be available.

NOTE: Please remember to enclose all supporting documentation with your application.