

Notice: HU11 4RE, GB-Bio Limited: environmental permit issued

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This decision includes the permit and decision document for:

- Operator name: GB-Bio Limited
 - Installation name: Tansterne Biomass Power Plant
 - Permit number: EPR/WP3738DE/A001
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Notice: HR2 9TR, Mr William Watkins: environmental permit issued

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- Operator name: Mr William Watkins
 - Installation name: Arkstone Court
 - Permit number: EPR/EP3236ZU/V004
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Press release: Public asked to comment on Medway Estuary flood defence strategy

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- Riverside Country Park, Gillingham, 3pm to 7pm, 6 December 2017.
- Halling Community Centre, 3:30pm to 7:30pm, 12 December 2017.

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Consultation outcome: Navigation charges consultation 2018/19

We are consulting through our 4 national and local waterway user advisory committees.

The advisory committees are:

- National Navigation Users Forum (NNUF)
- Thames Navigation Users Forum (TNUF)
- Anglian Waterways Group (AWG)
- Medway River Users Association (MRUA)

We would like to know if, your organisation, as well as the members you represent:

- support the Environment Agency's need to increase boat registration charges
- support the level of increase proposed
- do not support the level of increase proposed, what level you would support
- we do not increase the charges, what part of the service you would be prepared to see reduce or stop