

River Crane Pollution Incident Presentation for AGM on 10th November

- 1. When and where did it happen**
 - a. w/e of 29th/30th October. Pollution started in the early hours of Sunday morning and continued 'til early Monday morning**
 - b. where the A4 crosses the Crane in Craneford**

- 2. What went wrong?**
 - a. Penstock gate on a v large sewer closed**
 - b. Could not re-open it**
 - c. Back up into Heathrow or outfall into the river**
 - d. Large flow of neat raw sewage – volume not yet known**

- 3. Impact on the river**
 - a. Immediate fish kill**
 - b. Over 10000 fish taken back to Mogden**
 - c. Complete in river invertebrate kill**
 - d. Age and species – including eg mature eels, pike and carp**
 - e. water voles and kingfishers, herons**
 - f. Public health**
 - g. Likely time to recover – quality and ecology**

- 4. Responses**
 - a. Admission of responsibility from TW**
 - b. Meetings with TW and EA**
 - c. Recognition as v serious incident – worst in Thames for several years**
 - d. Prosecution will take place**
 - e. River Wandle as a precedent**
 - f. TW pledges (i) investigate cause and ensure no repeat and (ii) provide long term resources for overall improvement**

- 5. Towards the long-term plan**
 - a. Agreement through the CV Partnership**
 - b. Aim to set up a CV Trust**
 - c. Monitoring**
 - d. Re-stocking**
 - e. Habitat improvements**
 - f. Fish migration improvements**
 - g. FORCE putting ideas together for initial plan with EA et al**
 - h. Public help – monitoring species return and habitat improvement work**

- 6. FORCE view**
 - a. A major blow for the river ecology**
 - b. May provide an opportunity for a long term improvement**
 - c. Still early days**
 - d. Supportive as long as positive response is continued**
 - e. May be a need to maintain pressure**
 - f. Essential that momentum maintained on green space improvements**
 - g. Public engagement essential**