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London Borough Lewisham
c/o Mr Marcus Gayle
London Borough Lewisham

Re: Riverdale Sculpture Park – Ravensbourne River Restoration

Dear Mr Gayle

I am writing on behalf of Thames21's in support of the London Borough Lewisham's project to naturalise the River Ravensbourne as it flows through the Riverdale Sculpture Park.

We fully support the project objective to restore the river and create a two-stage channel along a 400m stretch of the river, removing the concrete invert and wall.

The project goals align well with Thames21's own aspirations set out in their Five-Year Plan and the scheme meets the funding criteria of the Empower Large Rivers Grant.

Lewisham stand a good chance of receiving up to £100,000 funding for the river restoration works from next years' Empower Programme Large Rivers Grant which is administered by Thames21.

Yours sincerely,



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