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The independent charity Peterborough Environment City Trust (PECT) has teamed up with Peterborough City Council and the Environment Agency to work on an exciting river improvement programme in Peterborough.

Residents are being invited to a series of public consultation events to have their say on proposals to create an improved river environment in Peterborough. The Werrington Brook Improvement Programme aims to holistically improve a sub-catchment of the River Welland during a 5-7 year partnership programme of community-focused works.

The proposed plans include physical works to a series of brooks that flow into the River Welland, focusing on Marholm Brook, Werrington Brook, Cuckoo's Hollow and their interaction with Brook Drain and Paston Brook. The programme will not only involve physical works to the river, but will also explore how the local community and businesses can work together to reduce pollution.

The programme takes an all-inclusive approach to creating a healthy river environment that can benefit everyone living, working or visiting the areas around North Bretton, Walton and North and South Werrington. The partnership aims to make the brooks physically more resilient, tackle sources of pollution and enable community involvement in helping to sustain river improvements.

"We would very much like the opportunity to explain and discuss the improvements with local people, who have significant local understanding and expertise that can really benefit the programme," explains Catchment Co-ordinator Rob Price from the Environment Agency. "Having a healthy river means a healthy local environment – something which everyone deserves."

Local residents are invited to come along to see the proposed plans and share their views on the following dates:

- > Monday 5th October 2015, 3-7pm – Brookside Methodist Church, Gunthorpe.
- > Wednesday 7th October 2015, 3-7pm – Ken Stimpson Community School, Werrington.
- > Thursday 8th October, 3-7pm – Scout Hut on the corner where Lincoln Road meets Mountsteven Avenue, Walton (home of the 25<sup>th</sup> Peterborough Scout Group).

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