

Powick Weir

Statement

January 2016

In response to interest from the general public please find below a statement by the Environment Agency with regards to Powick weir.

The Environment Agency is working with partners (Natural England, Severn Rivers Trust, Canal and River Trust) on the “Unlocking the Severn” project. Work will take place at several sites aimed at increasing the populations of fish on the rivers Severn and Teme, including the rare Twaite Shad. The project will reconnect over 200km of natural spawning and nursery habitats.

As owners of Powick weir, the Environment Agency has an obligation to investigate options which help deliver these objectives, including the partial or total removal of the weir. Our preferred solution will be influenced by biodiversity, amenity and economic considerations. We are currently undertaking important background work to determine the best solution.

We will continue to liaise with angling clubs, landowners, residents and other interested parties with a drop-in session being arranged in Spring to provide further details of our plans and allow discussion with our staff.

To register your interest or to make an enquiry about the Powick weir works, please contact Lara Williams via email: shwgenquiries@environment-agency.gov.uk or post: Customers and Engagement, Riversmeet House, Newtown Industrial Estate, Northway Lane, Tewkesbury, Glos, GL20 8JG.