

A SONG FOR THE RIVER
“Stop messing about with our river”

VERSE ONE

**It's hard to work out
Why they're messing about
With this beautiful stretch of the river.**

**Who on earth would consent?
To a scheme so hellbent
On destroying this stretch of the river?**

**They'll remove the good water that flows through here now,
And replace it with treated sewage Europe wouldn't allow**

**It makes ZERO sense
'Til you count the pounds and pence.
So - *“Stop messing about with our river.”***

VERSE TWO

**Once this plan has begun.
The damage can't be undone.
And the impacts - they'll be felt forever**

**It's short-sighted and mean
Their sewage pump scheme.
*“Stop messing about with our river.”***

**It's rigid, unscalable, outdated and mad;
Their ‘best value’ scheme is the worst we could have.**

**So who will it be for?
This monstrous eyesore.
It's not for us, or our lands, or our river**

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VERSE THREE

**There's just one beneficiary
From this insane spending spree,
That's the company named after our river.**

**And we've asked them to say
In a straightforward way.
What this scheme will, and will not, deliver.**

**There'll be four years of pain, to make possible their plan.
In Kingston, Teddington, Isleworth, Twickenham and Ham**

**And after that, we will see...
A monstrosity,
Sitting idle for weeks on our river**

VERSE FOUR

**They never came to these lands
When they drew up their plans
For this beautiful stretch of our river.**

**It seems they forgot.
It's a cherished swimming spot.
*“Stop messing about with our river”***

**The swans and the swimmers – the fish and the ducks
They'll all be worse off – when they tip in this muck**

**They say this scheme's the best,
But they dismissed all the rest...
And ignored what might nurture our river**

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VERSE FIVE

**It's time we were told.
What *exactly* will unfold
If the scheme goes ahead on our river**

**Now we all need to see
The truth about ‘tertiary’
And what it does to us and our river**

**Bacteria, viruses and micro plastics
And chemicals that are carcinogenic**

**That's what they will dump
With their sewage pump,
If they mess about with our river.**

VERSE SIX

**So now it is time
That we ask you to sign
This petition to safeguard our river.**

**If we don't find a way
To reach 100k
Then they'll mess about with our river**

**From Windsor to Oxford - from Putney to Bray
We want all Thames people to come have their say**

**And from Henley to Marlow and onto Abingdon,
We call on you all to support our petition.**

**So let's sing and let's fight
Until they do what is right
For us and our lands and our river.**