



Environmental **Assessment**

- **Previous reservoir environmental assessments were widely challenged and appear to have been discarded.**
 - **Thames Water now say that they will improve terrestrial and aquatic diversity in the reservoir area by 10% - Despite telling us that the environmental studies will be done in the next planning phase**
- **New environmental laws say that projects must improve the biodiversity by 10% - strangely that's the new figure that Thames Water have presented without any evidence**
- **There will be no aquatic gain - Thames Water plan to draw the water down to a depth of a few feet in the centre of the area in the event of a drought. The depth of the reservoir in normal times is too large to attract nesting birds anyway.**
- **The site outside the reservoir is too small to provide the 'environmentally friendly habitats' we were promised**