

# Fears for water supply

**ACTION** must be taken to combat the threat to Ashford's water supplier from future development, a Kent County Council committee has said.

The committee is asking the council to set up a special group to protect the river Stour, and for extra cash to be made available for Environment Agency research.

The points were made as the committee published the outcome of a month-long investigation into water and waste water in Ashford.

KCC cabinet member for regeneration, Graham Gibbens said: "This report is important and I welcome it."

But at a meeting of Ashford council executive, Howard Davidson, regional

director of the Environment Agency gave a presentation on Ashford's water supply and told councillors that enough water would be available if appropriate planning was undertaken and money made available to provide infrastructure.

He also stressed that new homes built in the borough would have to be water efficient.