Resource Sheet 5

Who cares about the tourist industry? I just want my house protected from floods.

The National Trust tells me that so much damage has been done already to the rivers ecosystem , that food-webs will struggle to recover.

I think that flood protection is too expensive, there's no proof that it will even work!

If you continue to build on the floodplain then more floods are inevitable.

I'm telling you, without farming this community would be dead!

I've lived here all my life and I can't afford a house in the village, we need more affordable new homes.

Engineers shouldn't have altered the river in the first place.

All this talk of climate change is nonsense.

The river needs engineering for goodness sake……we are living in the 21st Century!

At the moment we can't get flood insurance, companies say that it is too big a risk.

Most of the tourists visit because of the beautiful countryside, they love the river walks.

There is not much likelihood of the village being flooded like that again.

Engineering the river will absolutely ruin the fishing.

Straighter river channels, higher river banks, dredging and dams is what we need!

I don't think you'll find anyone willing to move home.

The tourist industry will not stay alive unless there is affordable housing for workers in the industry.

We must let nature take its course, aren't rivers supposed to flood anyway?

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