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Dear Vicky,

Many thanks for your consultation. Bryn Pryce, who has previously dealt with this case, is currently on leave so I have provided a response in his absence, upon further consultation with relevant specialists. We have no outstanding issues to raise in relation to this case, but wish to make the following response in relation to Point 3, based on the MIQ letter from the ExA.

*“3. Describe the engagement that has taken place with other bodies regarding nutrient neutrality in the River Wye SAC. Are there any outstanding unresolved issues?”*

The main areas of engagement on neutrality in the Wye catchment are:

- The **All Wales Planning Sub Group** – with representatives from planning authorities (including those with interests in the Wye catchment) , PEDW, WG, DCWW, the Home Builders Federation and ourselves. The Sub Group provides a forum to discuss issues and share progress on actions/developments undertaken by members. Contact: (Group Chair) Peter Morris, Powys County Council.
- The **Wye Nutrient Management Board** – consisting of local representatives of public and private organisations with associated development of the Wye Nutrient Management Plan and Phosphate Action Plan in which catchment specific actions have been identified for delivery by members. Contact: (NMB Chair) Cllr Elissa Swinglehurst, Herefordshire Council.
- Regular SAC River **policy liaison meetings** between NRW, Natural England and the Environment Agency – monthly meetings held to share information on cross border policy and guidance development including nutrient neutrality.
- **Bilateral meetings** with Local Planning Authorities on case specific issues.

While nutrient neutrality has been discussed widely as a concept within SAC river catchments across Wales including the Wye, and in a number of cases applied to enable development, further work is needed to develop regulatory and financial frameworks through which neutrality can be consistently delivered.

I hope this is helpful – if you require any further information from NRW, then please get in touch.

Kind regards,

Lucie

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**Subject:** Herefordshire MWLP - Examination

Hello,

FAO: Mr M Davies (EA) and Mr B Pryce (NRW)

Following the submission of the [Herefordshire Minerals and Waste Local Plan](#) (MWLP) and a list of [suggested modifications](#) to the Secretary of State earlier this year, the two Inspectors for the Examination have sent through their [MIQs](#) (matters, issues and questions). I am now working through these, and thought it might be useful to get in touch with you.

I have been following up issues around nutrient neutrality/River Wye SAC and the MWLP's policy approach with Natural England but would be interested to know if there are any outstanding issues you would like to raise.

(Herefordshire Council's website also contains guidance to developers and current advice on nutrient neutrality: <https://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/nutrient-management> )

Since deadlines for compiling hearing statements are tight, I would be grateful if you could send me a response by 9<sup>th</sup> September, if possible.

I am also happy to chat through any MWLP/nutrient neutrality issues with you on the phone number below. (I am part time and can be contacted on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays).

Note: All documents relating to the production of the MWLP can be found in the [Examination Library](#).

Kind regards,  
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