

Geoff Hughes
Director for Places and Communities
Hereford Council
Brockington
35 Hafron Road
Hereford
HR1 1SH

Our ref: SJFW.L.NMP
Your ref:
Date: 2 July 2013

Dear Mr Hughes

Revised timescales for the production of the Wye Special Area of Conservation (SAC)
Nutrient Management Plan.

The Environment Agency and Natural England have jointly made a commitment to produce a nutrient management plan to ensure the favourable condition status of the SAC with respect to phosphate levels we committed ourselves to producing the plan within six months of the signing of the statement (15th August 2013).

We are using a sophisticated source apportionment to estimate the relative phosphate contributions within the catchment. This model relies on land use data to accurately estimate the contribution from the agricultural sector. We made the decision that in order for the plan to be both credible and relevant we need to use the most current data available (Defra's 2010 Agricultural Census). Unfortunately this dataset is not currently in a format that can be used by our model. ADAS are the custodians of this information and we have their assurance that they will produce the dataset by the middle of July 2013, with this in mind we will have the plan produced by the end of September 2013 assuming there are no further delays in supply of the data.

I trust that this still fits within the timescales of the development of your core strategy and if you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours Sincerely



Steve Foster
Senior Environment Officer
01562 534119

Mance House, Arthur Drive, Hoo Farm Industrial Estate, Worcester Road Kidderminster
DY11 7RA

