



Water for life and livelihoods

River Basin Management Plan
Severn River Basin District

Annex L: Record of consultation
and engagement

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L.1 Introduction

This annex presents a summary of the steps taken nationally and within the Severn River Basin District to ensure that the River Basin Management Plan (RBMP) has been produced through consultation and engagement with interested parties.

It is an important principle of the Water Framework Directive (WFD) to encourage a wide range of stakeholders to be involved in improving the water environment. As a first step to securing meaningful engagement stakeholders and the public need access to the information about the work in hand. Significant efforts to make information easily accessible have been made and they are described below under the heading “Public access to information”.

As a step on from making information available, and in order to gain a more detailed insight into the views of stakeholders on different aspects of river basin management, there have been a number of consultations on general and specific aspects of implementation. Some of these were led by the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs and the Welsh Assembly Government, some by the Environment Agency, and some by other bodies such as the United Kingdom Technical Advisory Group. Some of the consultations have had a river basin district focus and some have been for England and Wales (“national” in the context of this chapter). All of these consultations have helped develop the proposals for river basin management and provided the benefit of wide geographical, sectoral and stakeholder coverage, and linked into a number of groups focussed on specific water management issues. All these activities are listed below under the heading of “Consultations” along with a summary of their outcomes.

Finally, the process of producing this River Basin Management Plan has benefited from the active involvement in the planning process itself by many different stakeholders. These have taken place at the national (England and Wales) and at the regional level through very wide ranging activities, which include for example the work of the national stakeholders, the river basin district liaison panels and many local groups. These forms of engagement are listed and described below under the heading “Involvement in the planning process”. Because this engagement has been extensive over a number of years this list is not exhaustive.

L.2 Public access to information

Means of dissemination	Activities
Environment Agency	
Environment Agency website	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Technical waterbody level information on objectives, classification status and identified risks as presented in the draft River Basin Management Plans - December 2008 • Initial Article 5 information (River Basin Characterisation outputs) on 'What's in your backyard' (WIYBY) – 2005 <p>A river basin management web page has been set up and is updated regularly. Information on the website includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Background documentation used in river basin district liaison panel meetings and the minutes of meetings • All consultation documents and supporting information posted on the web site (different sites depending on the lead organisation for each consultation) • Posting of all statement of response to consultations • The internet address of the online consultation was promoted to local stakeholders' websites to enable web links to be created • Use of electronic consultation to facilitate responses • Technical supporting information including further characterisation (risk assessment) outputs, classification, objectives and measures as presented in the draft River Basin Management Plans. • Contact details for Environment Agency staff involved in river basin management
Use of public libraries	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hard copy versions of the consultation documents ('draft Severn River Basin Management Plan', 'River Basin Planning: Working Together' and 'River Basin Planning: Summary of Significant Water Management Issues') were made available at the district's central library.
Use of Environment Agency offices	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Copies of all Environment Agency led consultation documents were made available free of charge at the Head Office in Bristol and in the principal office in the Severn River Basin District at Sapphire East, 550 Streetsbrook Road, Solihull, B91 1QT.
Direct mail outs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Copies of 'The Water Framework Directive – Guiding Principles on the Technical Requirements' mailed to National stakeholders • 5 paper copies and 45 electronic copies of the consultation document 'River Basin Planning: Working Together' sent to stakeholders. • 2 paper copies and 78 electronic copies of 'River Basin Planning: Summary of Significant Water Management Issues' sent to stakeholders. • 81 paper copies and 2 electronic copies of the 'draft Severn River Basin Management Plan' sent to stakeholders. • Direct notification of consultations sent to 874 river basin district stakeholders.
Public notices	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Notice published in London Gazette for one day stating submission on 22 September 2009 of the 'River Basin Management Plans 2009-2015' to Ministers for approval, under Regulation 13(1)(b) of the Water

Means of dissemination

Activities

Environment (Water Framework Directive England and Wales) Regulations 2003

- Notice of consultation on the 'draft Severn River Basin Management Plan' published in the following newspapers:
 - Coventry Telegraph for one week from Wednesday 4 February 2009
 - Worcester News for one week from Thursday 5 February 2009
 - Shropshire Star for one week from Thursday 5 February 2009
 - Hereford Times for one week from Thursday 5 February 2009
 - Warwickshire Times for one week from Thursday 5 February 2009
 - Express & Star (Black Country/Staffordshire) for one week from Thursday 5 February 2009
 - Gloucester Citizen for one week from Friday 6 February 2009
 - Gloucester Echo for one week from Friday 6 February 2009
- Notice of consultation on 'River Basin Planning: Summary of Significant Water Management Issues' published in the following newspapers:
 - Shropshire Star for two weeks from Tuesday 24 July 2007
 - Worcester News for two weeks from Tuesday 24 July 2007
 - The Hereford Times for two weeks from Thursday 19 July 2007
 - Coventry Evening Telegraph for two weeks from Tuesday 24 July 2007
 - Warwickshire Times for two weeks from Wednesday 25 July 2007

Additional mention of the Severn River Basin District consultation was made in the Western Daily Press and Western Mail

- Notice of consultation on 'River Basin Planning: Working Together' published in the following newspapers:
 - Shropshire Star for two weeks from Friday 22 December 2006
 - Worcester News for two weeks from Friday 22 December 2006
 - The Hereford Times for two weeks from Thursday 4 January 2007
 - Coventry Evening Telegraph for two weeks from Friday 22 December 2006
 - Warwickshire Times for two weeks from Friday 22 December 2006

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Technical pamphlets/
information sheets

- General WFD introductory material distributed at conferences
- Issue/sector based briefing sheets distributed at conferences
- Delegate and sector briefing packs were distributed at workshops and meetings

Publicity material

- Publication of leaflets and postcards to publicise and promote participation in consultations
- An introductory 'infographic' presentation was available on <http://teachingzone.org/livingwater/home.html> covering WFD in Wales – this is an interactive website which allows users to access summary consultation information. It targeted 9 key topics and featured a short film image montage. Viewers/participants were then given the opportunity to explore the topic areas that interested them.
- The website address and 'infographic' presentation was actively promoted on all literature produced and on stakeholders websites.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WFD Pledge postcards produced to engage general public at Environment Agency events such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Pride – 23/24 May 2009 - Water for Life – 7 June 2009 - Three Counties Show – 19 June 2009 • Photography competition launched in April 2009 for Under 16s to promote the value of water • 6,000 copies of 'Water for life and livelihood – seeking your views on River Basin Management Planning in the Severn River Basin District' produced in September 2007. 1,500 copies of bilingual (English/Welsh) version produced. Copies sent to libraries and universities within the river basin district, Environment Agency office receptions as well as sent to liaison panel members for dissemination to their networks. • Severn River Basin District newsletters produced in December 2006, May 2007 and November 2007 and e-mailed to liaison panel members and stakeholder database members.
Interviews/articles in local media	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 09 Jan 2009 Western Mail - Living Waters for Wales consultation launched • Press release "The quality of water is in your hands" 9 February 2009 - no newspapers covered this • Press release "The future of water quality is in all our hands" 22 April 2009 – carried in the Eastern Voice on 27 April 2009 and Asian Voice on 1 May 2009 • Press release "Do one thing for nature with CBeebies" 29 May 2009 – carried in Birmingham Forward, Birmingham Mail and The Sikh Times on 2 June 2009, Birmingham Post on 5 June, Asian Voice on 6 June and BBC Birmingham (online) on 8 June. • Press release "Have your say on the future of our rivers" 22 May 2007 – carried in the Bridgnorth Journal on 25 May 2007
Public meetings/drop in events, other	<p>Throughout the consultation period, Environment Agency staff and liaison panel members attended a number of meetings to promote the consultation. Meetings either took the format of one to one discussions, presentations to small groups or discussions.</p> <p>Four workshops held during April - May 2009 in Birmingham, Chepstow, Droitwich and Shrewsbury , attended by approximately 70, were arranged. Plus a 'Common Ground' event in Stratford upon Avon attended by 40 farm advisors.</p> <p>Three events were attended to promote the consultation: Pride, Water of Life and Three Counties Show.</p> <p>Additionally, events in Wales covered the areas of the Severn River Basin District in Wales:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A workshop was held on 10 October 2008 at Cardiff to engage with local authority planners and those involved with drainage and highways. The aim of the workshop was to discuss how we can best implement and integrate river basin management planning requirements into local authority activities. • The consultation campaign 'Living Waters for Wales' was launched on the 8 January 2009 with the Welsh Assembly Minister for the

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Environment, Sustainability and Housing, Jane Davidson. This launch attracted press and media coverage (BBC Wales today, S4c Newyddion, Radio Cymru).

- Consultation workshops were held in Swansea on 17 April 2009 and Bangor on 6 May 2009. The workshops provided an overview of river basin management planning and raised awareness of the consultation.
- The Wales Environment Research Hub organised a workshop on 5 May 2009, attended by research establishments and universities. This discussed how scientific research can be used to address pressures on the water environment, and how best to develop partnership working in the future.
- On 5 May, Wales Environment Link organised a consultation workshop supported by the Environment Agency. This focussed on helping eNGOs develop a response to the draft River Basin Management Plan.
- Afonydd Cymru held a series of workshops across Wales and a workshop was held in Llandysul on 11 June 2009 to increase awareness of the consultation in the closing stages. The workshop detailed a process to facilitate local responses to the Plans and helped in identifying local problems and potential solutions.

Other

- Offer for translations of documents made available on request
- River Basin Planning: Working Together' and 'River Basin Planning: Summary of Significant Water Management Issues' consultation and consultation response documents produced in English and Welsh

Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra)

Publication of background documents on the economic aspects of implementation

- Scoping study for WFD Annex III (economic analysis)
- Regulatory Impact Assessment on potential costs and benefits associated with new environmental standards
- Report on economic importance and dynamics of use of River Basin Characterisation led by the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, Welsh Assembly Government involved
- Report on cost recovery and incentive pricing led by the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, Welsh Assembly Government involved
- Report on cost-effectiveness analysis and methodology for assessing disproportionate costs led by the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, Welsh Assembly Government involved
- Report on private water services
- Groundwater daughter directive partial Regulatory Impact Assessment covering England and Wales
- Priority substances partial Regulatory Impact Assessment

Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs website

- Article 5 reports
<http://webarchive.nationalarchives.gov.uk/20080305115859/http://www.defra.gov.uk/environment/water/wfd/economics/index.htm>
- Advert for the draft River Basin Management Plans consultation and

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links to details on the competent authority websites.

Welsh Assembly Government

- Scoping study for WFD Annex III (economic analysis) Regulatory Impact Assessment on potential costs and benefits associated with new environmental standards - Defra led (covers all UK Admins)
- Report on economic importance and dynamics of use of River Basin Characterisation - Defra led but Welsh Assembly Government involved (Economics Steering Group)
- Report on cost recovery and incentive pricing - Defra led but Welsh Assembly Government involved (Economics Steering Group)
- Report on cost-effectiveness analysis and methodology for assessing disproportionate costs - Defra led but Welsh Assembly Government involved (Economics Steering Group)
- Report on private water services
- Groundwater daughter directive partial Regulatory Impact Assessment - Defra led (covers England and Wales)
- Priority substances partial Regulatory Impact Assessment - Defra led (UK basis)

United Kingdom Water Framework Directive Technical Advisory Group

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website

Access to information on technical interpretation of WFD requirements including:

- Environmental standards
- Classification

L.3 Consultations

Title	Brief description of document	Key outputs of consultation and actions	Period of consultation
Led by the Environment Agency			
	<p>There were 162 responses to the consultation. The main comments received were about: level of ambition in the plan; amount and presentation of the information; difficulty in linking classification, objectives and actions for water bodies; queries on the assessment of the health of water bodies; cost of implementation.</p>	<p>As a result of the comments made, the Environment Agency:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • updated and reviewed the current status and future objective for every water body • reviewed and included new measures from consultation responses • reviewed the content and presentation of the main document and annexes. <p>Further detail is provided in 'draft River Basin Management Plans, a consultation response for the Severn River Basin District'</p> <p>http://wfdconsultation.environment-agency.gov.uk/wfdcms/en/severn/Intro.aspx</p>	<p>December 2008 – June 2009</p>
Draft Severn River Basin Management Plan	<p>This document presented the main issues for the Severn River Basin District and briefly set out the actions proposed to deal with them. The annexes to the document gave much more detail on the conditions in the rRiver basin district, the actions proposed and the mechanisms that can be used to take these actions forward.</p>	<p>As a result of the comments made, the Environment Agency:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • updated and reviewed the current status and future objective for every water body • reviewed and included new measures from consultation responses • reviewed the content and presentation of the main document and annexes. <p>Further detail is provided in 'draft River Basin Management Plans, a consultation response for the Severn River Basin District'</p> <p>http://wfdconsultation.environment-agency.gov.uk/wfdcms/en/severn/Intro.aspx</p>	<p>December 2008 – June 2009</p>

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Strategic Environmental Assessment Environmental Reports for the draft River Basin Management Plans	The WFD requires the production of River Basin Management Plans across the United Kingdom. These plans require assessment under the Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) Directive (2001/42/EC) to identify wider effects on the environment. The environmental report presented the methodology we used in the SEA, an explanation of how environmental factors have been considered within the decision-making, and the results and conclusions of the SEA process.	<p>No opinions were received relating directly to the Severn plan. A summary of comments across all river basin districts included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the importance of ensuring the maintenance of water supplies to canals and the need to maintain canals open for navigation and at suitable depth. Concerns were also raised about measures that may require the screening of abstractions and transfers to supply water to reservoirs and canals. the importance of river basin management process in delivering habitat creation, green infrastructure, re-instatement of habitat, and the enhancement of protected and UKBAP, LBAP and other locally important species. concerns were raised about how the SEA has considered the historic environment (including historic landscape character, historic built environment, 	December 2008 – June 2009

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		<p>archaeological remains and deposits). Sensitivities include: changes in water quality, water levels, habitat restoration schemes, managed realignment and pollution.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> respondents wished to see further evidence of how the SEA had influenced the Plan process and how it may be possible to influence other future plans and strategies. <p>Further detail and the action the Environment Agency has taken to all comments are provided in the 'Strategic Environmental Assessment Statement of Particulars'.</p> <p>http://wfdconsultation.environment-agency.gov.uk/wfdcms/en/severn/Intro.aspx</p>	
Strategic Environmental Assessment Scoping Reports consultation	The WFD requires the production of River Basin Management Plans across the United Kingdom. These plans require assessment under the Strategic Environmental Assessment Directive (2001/42/EC) to identify wider effects on the environment. The Scoping Reports set out the information to	The results of the consultation were considered in finalising the approach to the Strategic Environmental Assessment. Further details for each river basin district can be obtained on the Environment Agency website.	October to November 2007 (extended to January 2008)

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	<p>be included in this assessment</p> <p>This document sets out what the Environment Agency believes are the most significant issues that face the Severn River Basin District. The Environment Agency has worked together with the members of the Severn River Basin District Liaison Panel to identify the significant water management issues. To identify the significant issues for this report, the Environment Agency assessed a list of pressures or 'potential issues'</p>	<p>Just over half of responses agreed with the proposals. A large number of comments received were in response to the floods in summer 2007. As a result of the comments made, the Environment Agency:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • will ensure appropriate links are made with flood management plans • identified additional issues and opportunities to consider as the plan is developed • propose action only where they have reasonable confidence and evidence in the cause of the problem and the solution • will endeavour to engage as widely as possible in developing the plan • take account of as best as they can, the impact of climate change in the plan. <p>Further detail is provided in 'River basin planning: Summary of significant water management issues, a consultation response for the Severn River Basin District'</p>	<p>July 2007 to January 2008</p>
<p>River Basin Planning – Working Together [Severn River Basin District]</p>	<p>This document presented information and proposals about the way river basin management planning could work in the Severn River Basin</p>	<p>The majority of responses agreed with the proposals. As a result of the comments made, the Environment Agency:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • have added additional 	<p>December 2006 to June 2007</p>

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	District and how and when people interested in participating in this process could do so.	<p>stakeholders to the database</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • will work with established groups and networks in England and Wales to minimise duplication • will hold catchment workshops • will do as much as they can in the first cycle recognising the Environment Agency will have greater knowledge over time. <p>Further detail is provided in 'River basin planning: working together, a consultation response for the Severn River Basin District'</p>	
Water for life and livelihoods – a strategy for River Basin Planning in England and Wales	This document set out proposals for how the Environment Agency was planning to work to develop River Basin Management Plans and implement the WFD. In particular how it would engage with and encourage participation from stakeholders at national, regional and local level; and how it would integrate different aspects of managing the water environment	Responses were received from many different stakeholders. These contributed to refining the planned approach to river basin management, particularly in relation to the terms of reference for stakeholder engagement. This consultation process also helped the process of aligning the thinking about implementation of the Directive between the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, the Welsh Assembly Government and key stakeholders.	January to April 2005
River Basin Characterisation	District based consultation on River Basin Characterisation (WFD Article 5)	The Environment Agency received many varied and constructive responses, with many suggesting improvements to the proposals. As a result of these comments, the	September to November 2004

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		Environment Agency: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • made method statements clearer; • refined and corrected the assessments for authorised point and diffuse sources, where necessary; • updated morphological pressure assessments where new information was available; • improved assessment of alien species risks to surface waters; and chemical and quantitative risks to ground water. 	
The WFD – Guiding Principles on the Technical Requirements	This document presented the Environment Agency’s interpretation of the technical requirements from Annex II and V of the WFD. Aspects covered by these annexes included the characterisation of surface and groundwater body types; identification of pressures and impacts; review of impacts of human activity; classification of surface water and groundwater bodies; and the design of monitoring programmes.	Responses were received from a number of the main stakeholders. These allowed a common understanding of the technical requirements of the Directive to be achieved and informed the work undertaken to complete the Characterisation Reports; the design of the monitoring programmes; and the approach to status classification for water bodies.	June to September 2002
Led by the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs and Welsh Assembly Government			
Consultation on the Draft Flood and Water Management Bill	The draft Flood and Water Management Bill will: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • deliver improved security, service 	http://www.defra.gov.uk/consult/consult/flood-water-bill/index.htm	April to July 2009

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	<p>and sustainability for people and their communities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • it will be clear who is responsible for managing flood risk • protect essential water supplies • modernise the law for managing flood risk and reservoir safety • encourage more sustainable forms of drainage • enable water companies to control more non-essential uses of water during droughts • make it easier to resolve misconnections to sewers <p>The overall effect will be a healthier environment, better service and greater protection for people, their communities and businesses.</p>		
<p>Consultation on the second phase of Environmental Permitting Programme (EPP2)</p>	<p>EPP2 is a Better Regulation initiative designed to reduce costs for operators and the regulator by cutting unnecessary red tape, while continuing to protect the environment and human health. This consultation proposes to extend the single EP system formed under EPP1 to create a common system of risk-based environmental permitting and compliance for an extended range of</p>	<p>http://www.defra.gov.uk/corporate/consult/env-permitting/letter.htm</p>	<p>February to May 2009</p>

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	<p>regimes. These include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Water Discharge consents: Permits to control certain discharges to surface water; • Groundwater Authorisations: Permits to control the disposal of specific substances into groundwater, and; • Radioactive Substances Regulation: permits for keeping and use of radioactive materials; and for accumulation and disposal of radioactive waste. 		
<p>Consultation on new arrangements for establishing Water Protection Zones</p>	<p>For England, the principle of new Water Protection Zone arrangements was included in all options for the consultation on Catchment Sensitive Farming. A Welsh consultation will consider the need for new Water Protection Zone arrangements alongside other agricultural diffuse pollution measures.</p>	<p>http://www.defra.gov.uk/corporate/consult/water-protection-zones/index.htm</p> <p>http://wales.gov.uk/consultations/environmentandcountryside/waterprotectionzones/?lang=en&status=closed</p>	<p>Catchment Sensitive Farming consultation in England ended in November 2007</p> <p>December 2008 to March 2009</p>
<p>Consultation on Directions to the Environment Agency on Classification of Water Bodies</p>	<p>This consultation is the final stage in a process of developing the environmental quality standards and other criteria recommended for use in classification in the first river basin planning cycle. It also includes recommendations on methodologies for the</p>		<p>October to December 2008</p>

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	use of those standards and criteria to classify all WFD water bodies.		
Ministerial Guidance - Consultation on River Basin Planning Guidance Volume 2	Consultation seeks views upon draft guidance in relation to standards, objectives, emerging policy trends, issues around technical feasibility and disproportionate cost; and impact assessments associated with the WFD.	http://www.defra.gov.uk/environment/quality/water/wfd/documents/consult-guidance-response-letter.pdf	February to May 2008
Consultation on Implementation of European Union Legislation in England and Wales: Aquatic Animal Health Directive	<p>This paper asks to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • note the provisions in the Directive which are obligatory; • comment on the interpretation; • respond on the proposals relating to the areas of choice. <p>The Directive and the implementing proposals generally cover the aquatic animals when they are caught, kept or moved by humans. There are also some obligations in relation to aquatic animals in the wild.</p>	http://www.defra.gov.uk/corporate/consult/khv/khv-consultation-doc.pdf	December 2007 to March 2008
Consultation on the implementation of the revised Bathing Water Directive	<p>The purpose of this Consultation paper was to seek views on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the number and type of bathing waters where measures should be taken to improve the water quality; • the development of a prediction and discounting system; and • the development of public information for beach signage. 	http://www.defra.gov.uk/environment/quality/water/waterquality/bathing/documents/summary-responses.pdf	November 2007 to February 2008

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Consultation on the review of schedule 9 to the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 and a ban on the sale of certain species	This consultation sought comments on proposals for a prohibition on the sale of certain species. The prohibition will be achieved by an Order made under section 14ZA of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981.	http://www.defra.gov.uk/wildlife-pets/wildlife/management/non-native/documents/consultation.pdf	November 2007 to January 2008
Consultation on Non-Agricultural Diffuse Pollution	General binding rules for non-agricultural diffuse pollution; Control on phosphates in laundry detergents; Sustainable Drainage Systems: permeable surfaces, filter strips and swales, infiltration devices, basins and ponds.	Various steps are being considered and the Consultation on options for controls on phosphates in domestic laundry cleaning products in England has been launched.	February to May 2007
Consultation on mechanisms to deliver WFD Requirements on hydromorphology	This document looks at the range of legislative, economic and voluntary mechanisms that are available in England and Wales for delivering measures to avoid or reduce effects resulting from hydromorphological pressures, and whether they are sufficient to meet WFD requirements.	<p>The majority who responded welcomed the consultation and most provided practical and constructive comments.</p> <p>Various options are being considered with the Environment Agency taking on board responses to recent consultation. Any new powers that might be needed would have to be in place by the end of 2009.</p> <p>The idea of a catchment restoration fund is being actively considered to address the physical restoration of a number of water bodies.</p>	February to May 2007
Article 5 economic analysis of water use supporting	Article 5 (characterisation) requirement for River Basin District based	Reports summarising, for each River Basin District, the analysis required by Article 5 of the Directive	March 2005

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document	assessments of the 'Economic analysis of water use'.	<p>have been reported by the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (on behalf of the United Kingdom) to the European Commission.</p> <p>http://www.defra.gov.uk/environment/quality/water/wfd/characterisation.htm</p>	
Consultation on Guidance for River Basin Planning	This guidance set out the expectations of the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs in relation to river basin planning.	Set out in two parts. See Ministerial Guidance Consultation.	December 2004 to March 2005
Second consultation on the WFD	This second consultation invited views on the key issues arising from transposition and implementation of the WFD into national legislation.	<p>The summary of responses and the response to them is detailed in the document below, from pages 14 – 53.</p> <p>http://www.freshwaterlife.org/servlet/BinaryDownloaderServlet?filename=1060944568091_WFD_consult3_chapters_only.pdf</p>	October 2002 to January 2003
First consultation on the WFD	This consultation invited views on key issues arising from the implementation of the WFD. It was the first step, including discussions with the principal affected parties. It also served as an introduction to the Directive's provisions and principal obligations.	<p>In addition to the main themes, the role of wetlands and the degree to which they could be protected under the WFD and the definition and timing of the "no deterioration" in status requirement were discussed.</p> <p>As a result of the comments made the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs and Welsh Assembly Government:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> agreed that its important to develop techniques to trace and monitor 	March to June 2001

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		<p>diffuse sources of pollution.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> gave their intention to implement the WFD by means of secondary legislation (regulations). 	

Led by the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs

<p>Consultation on proposals for time limiting of water abstraction licenses</p>	<p>This consultation is gather views on proposals for time limiting of water abstraction licenses. The time limiting of existing abstraction licenses is vital in ensuring water resources can be managed and allocated efficiently, in order to cope with the anticipated impacts of climate change and achieve water quality objectives set out in the UK Government's 2008 water strategy for England <i>Future Water</i>.</p>	<p>http://www.defra.gov.uk/corporate/consult/water-abstraction/consultation.pdf</p>	<p>May to August 2009</p>
<p>Consultation on implementing the abstraction elements of the Water Act 2003</p>	<p>This consultation is to seek views on draft proposals from Defra and the Welsh Assembly Government on the removal and creation of various exemptions from license control. The proposed new Regulations to bring these proposals into force will implement the remaining abstraction provisions of the Water Act 2003.</p>	<p>http://www.defra.gov.uk/corporate/consult/water-act/index.htm</p>	<p>April to July 2009</p>
<p>Environmental Standards for Farming - Consultation on proposed</p>	<p>This consultation is to seek your views on a range of proposed changes to cross compliance following</p>	<p>http://www.defra.gov.uk/corporate/consult/gaec/index.htm</p>	<p>February to May 2009</p>

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changes to standards in cross compliance Good Agricultural and Environmental Condition (GAEC) and related measures in England	the conclusion of the review of the Common Agricultural Policy (CAP Health Check). These proposals relate to cross compliance standards and related measures in England, including recapturing the environmental benefits of set-aside.		
Consultation on modernisation of salmon and freshwater fisheries legislation; new order to address the passage of fish	Proposals to improve the free passage of fish and to allow free access to breeding, nursery and feeding grounds for fish in England and Wales. These proposals follow recommendations made in the Salmon and Freshwater Fisheries Review, published in 2000, and were included in the consultation which started in February 2007 on "Mechanisms to Deliver WFD Requirements on Hydro-morphology" and in the new water strategy for England, Future Water on 7 February 2008.	http://www.defra.gov.uk/corporate/consult/fisheries-legislation/letter.htm	January to April 2009
Consultation on Draft Statutory Instrument to amend provisions of the Water Resources Act 1991 for Water Protection Zones, and related Draft Statutory Guidance for the Environment Agency	This consultation follows on from one on diffuse water pollution from agriculture that was conducted in 2007. Defra concluded in the light of that earlier consultation that the need to provide a power to regulate where necessary to implement the WFD would be best met by simply updating the existing power to designate Water Protection Zones.	http://www.defra.gov.uk/corporate/consult/water-protection-zones/	December 2008 to March 2009

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	<p>This power would be available for use where appropriate under the River Basin Management Plans now being developed by the Environment Agency with the aim of achieving good chemical and ecological status in inland and coastal waters by 2015. Parts of this consultation will also apply in Wales.</p>		
<p>Consultation on improving surface water drainage</p>	<p>This consultation develops some of the key policy proposals set out in the Government's new Water Strategy, <i>Future Water</i>. The strategy sets out a vision for more effective drainage of surface water, in order to resolve existing problems and prepare for the impacts of climate change. The floods last summer brought into sharp focus the real damage that surface water flooding can cause. The interim report from the Pitt Review on lessons learned has urged early action to improve the way that surface water is managed, particularly in high risk areas.</p>	<p>http://www.defra.gov.uk/environment/flooding/documents/manage/surfacewater/swmp-consult.pdf</p> <p>http://www.defra.gov.uk/environment/flooding/documents/manage/surfacewater/swmp-consult-sum.pdf</p>	<p>February to April 2008</p>
<p>Consultation on the future of the Pesticides Safety Directorate (PSD)</p>	<p>This consultation paper sought views on the future of the Pesticides Safety Directorate, following recommendations made by the 2005 Hampton Review, which aimed to make Government's</p>		<p>November 2007 to January 2008</p>

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	inspection and enforcement functions simpler and more customer focussed.		
Protection of Waters Against Pollution from Agriculture	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The purpose of this Consultation paper was to seek views on: proposals for revised Action Programme measures to control pollution caused by nitrogen from agricultural sources. whether to apply these measures within discrete Nitrate Vulnerable Zones (as revised) or throughout the whole of England. 	http://www.defra.gov.uk/environment/quality/water/waterquality/diffuse/nitrate/documents/consultation-supportdocs/consultation.pdf	August to December 2007
Consultation on the revised Code of Good Agricultural Practice to protect water, soil and air quality.	This consultation invited views on the draft revised Code of Good Agricultural Practice.	http://www.defra.gov.uk/foodfarm/landmanage/cogap/documents/summary-responses.pdf	August to November 2007
Consultation on diffuse sources of water pollution from agriculture.	Three policy packages are presented for consideration for inclusion in Programme of Measures: supportive, regulatory and economic. Also whether Water Protection Zones should be merged with Nitrate Vulnerable Zones.	<p>Government response:</p> http://www.defra.gov.uk/foodfarm/landmanage/water/csf/documents/diffuse-consult-govresponse.pdf	August to November 2007
Consultation on options for controls on phosphates in domestic laundry cleaning products in England	This consultation paper covers the need to take action on phosphates in the water environment and the contribution that controls on domestic laundry cleaning products might make to		February 2007 to April 2008

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	that process.		
Consultation on draft statutory social and environmental guidance to the Office of Water Services (Ofwat)	This consultation delivers on a commitment made by the Government in the Regulatory Impact Assessment which accompanied the Water Act 2003, that a full public consultation would take place on the draft Guidance.		February 2007 to April 2008
Partial Regulatory Impact Appraisal	This Regulatory Impact Assessment concerns environmental quality standards for implementation of the WFD. The Directive requires the United Kingdom administrations to introduce environmental standards and conditions to help with the classification and objective setting process that will form the basis for the river basin management planning required to meet the Directive objectives.	http://www.defra.gov.uk/environment/quality/water/wfd/documents/pdf-ria-draft/ria-wfd-excludingannexes.pdf <i>Note: the United Kingdom WFD Technical Advisory Group issued their initial proposals for standards for stakeholder review in early 2006. This Regulatory Impact Assessment takes into account the changes proposed as a result of the stakeholder review and reflects the final recommendations made.</i>	2007
Consultation: <i>Making Space for Water:</i> Environment Agency strategic overview – strengthening our strategic approach to sea flooding and coastal erosion risk management	This consultation paper seeks views on the proposals of the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs for the way in which the Environment Agency will exercise a strategic overview in relation to sea flooding and coastal erosion risk management. A separate consultation will take place at a later stage regarding the Environment Agency's strategic overview in relation to inland	<i>Making space for water</i> has identified the need to explore a greater range of delivery mechanisms for flood and coastal erosion risk management, with a view to developing more sustainable approaches which maximise the environmental, social and economic benefits achieved and which may also deliver wider benefits.	August to November 2006

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sources of flooding.			
Led by Welsh Assembly Government			
Climate Change Strategy Programme of Action Consultation	<p>This consultation document sets out in more detail the actions Welsh Assembly Government are proposing to deliver the climate change objectives in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • transport • business • public sector • agriculture and land use • waste; and • at home. <p>The results of this and the High Level Policy Statement will be used to produce a final Climate Change Strategy by the end of 2009.</p>	<p>http://new.wales.gov.uk/consultations/environmentandcountryside/climatechangeaction/?lang=en&status=open</p>	October 2009
Draft Technical Advice Note 6 Planning for Sustainable Communities	<p>The purpose of this draft Technical Advice Note is to provide practical guidance on the role of the planning system in supporting the delivery of sustainable rural communities. It sets out how the planning system can contribute to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • sustainable rural economies • sustainable rural housing • sustainable rural services • sustainable agriculture. 	<p>http://new.wales.gov.uk/consultations/planning/drafttan6/?lang=en&status=open</p>	October 2009
Private Water	The main purpose of		June 2009

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Supplies Regulation Consultation	<p>this consultation paper is to set out draft proposals from Welsh Assembly Government to introduce a proposed new regulatory framework for private supplies. The proposed Regulations will apply to private supplies in Wales and will replace the Private Water Supplies Regulations 1991, which will be revoked.</p>		
Consultation on draft Technical Advice Note 22: Planning for Sustainable Buildings	<p>This seeks comments on advice on how to apply the new Ministerial Interim Planning Policy Statement on Planning for Sustainable Buildings' (01/2009) and covers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • sustainable building standards • reducing carbon emissions by using the energy hierarchy • preparing development proposals to deliver sustainable buildings • the role of local planning authorities • planning conditions and obligations • setting higher local requirements for sustainability on certain sites. 		June 2009
Strategic Policy Position Statement on Water	<p>The Welsh Assembly Government consultation One Wales: One Planet , A New Sustainable Development Scheme for Wales together with</p>	<p>http://wales.gov.uk/consultations/closedconsultations/sustainable/one-wales-one-planet/?lang=en</p>	February 2009

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	the Environment Strategy provides the backdrop for the Welsh Assembly Government water policy. This statement sets out their position on aspects of water policy that have been revised or developed in response to pressure and challenges they face as they plan for the future.		
Sustaining the Land: A Review of Land Management Actions under Axis 2 of the Rural Development Plan for Wales 2007-2013	The consultation invited comments on the future structure of support for environmentally sustainable land management in Wales.	http://wales.gov.uk/consultations/environmentandcountryside/081222closedconslanagement/?lang=en	December 2008
Consultation on the Proposed Second Environment Strategy for Wales Action Plan	The second Action Plan builds significantly on the work that has been undertaken to progress the Environment Strategy since May 2006, driven by both the first action plan and legislative policies and programmes.	http://wales.gov.uk/consultations/environmentandcountryside/environmentstrategy/?lang=en	August 2008
A Proposal for the Future Management and Enforcement of Sea Fisheries in Welsh Waters	This consultation document sought views on a proposal by Elin Jones, Minister for Rural Affairs, that the Welsh Assembly Government assume full responsibility for the management and enforcement of sea fisheries around the Welsh coast.	http://wales.gov.uk/consultations/environmentandcountryside/futuremanagmentfisheriescons/?lang=en	August 2008
Wales Fisheries Strategy	The consultation on the Wales Fisheries Strategy represents the work undertaken by the Welsh Assembly	http://wales.gov.uk/publications/accessinfo/drnewhomepage/environmentdrs2/environmentdrs2009/fishesstratimplimentation	March 2008

Title	Brief description of document	Key outputs of consultation and actions	Period of consultation
	<p>Government, its partners and fisheries stakeholders to develop a strategy on the future of fisheries in Wales for the next 15-20 years. It represents a summary of the findings for the development of fisheries whilst considering the obligations for sustainable development and maintaining the quality and biodiversity of the environment across all sectors of aquaculture, commercial fisheries and recreational fisheries.</p>	<p>plan/?lang=en</p>	

Led by United Kingdom WFD Technical Advisory Group

- Environmental Standards and Conditions – Phase 1
- Environmental Standards – part 2
- United Kingdom Environmental Standards and Conditions (Specific Pollutants/Groundwater Standards/Surface Water) (SR1-2007)

For more information visit <http://www.wfduk.org/>

Other

- Towards Sustainability (United Kingdom Water Industry Research)

For more information visit <http://www.ukwir.org/site/web/content/home>

L.4 Involvement in the planning process

Sectors, Groups and networks	Activity
River Basin District Level	

The liaison panel was created as a new forum for co-deliverers to discuss and influence the development of the River Basin Management Plan and assist with its implementation. The panel works on a representational system and core membership will be based around the key organisations that are responsible for implementation, and others who can both represent the public and other sectors.

The liaison panel is made up of representatives from key stakeholder sectors:

Severn River Basin District Liaison Panel

Sector	Key Representative	Organisation (Role)
Ports	Anne Hayes	Environment Manager, The Bristol Port Company
Consumers	Stuart Crowther	Committee Member, Consumer Council for Water, Midlands
Environment Agency	Mark Sitton-Kent (Chair)	Regional Director, Midlands Region
Environment Agency Wales	Bill Purvis	Area Planning and Corporate Services Manager
Local authority - England	Kathy Derrick	Head of Strategic Development, Bristol City Council
Local authority - Wales	Dave Harris	Head of Highways and Waste Management, Monmouthshire County Council
Business & industry	Hugh Lucas	Foster Yeoman Ltd
Farming - England	Sarah Faulkner	Policy Advisor, National Farmers Union
Farming - Wales	Ross Murray	Chair, CLA Wales
Natural England	Mark July	Team Leader – Government and Communities
Recreation	Stephen Marsh-Smith	Executive Officer, Wye & Usk Foundation
Regional Development Agency	Claire Robinson	Rural Policy Manager, Advantage West Midlands

Sectors, Groups and networks		Activity	
	Regional Assembly	Michael Barker	Head of Planning and Environment, Borough of Telford & Wrekin
	Water Companies - England	David Wickens	Quality & Environment Manager, Severn Trent Water Ltd
	Water Companies - Wales	Paul Henderson	Regulation Manager, Welsh Water Dwr Cymru
	Internal Drainage Boards	Dean Jackson-Johns	Clerk & Engineer to the Board, Caldicot & Wentlooge Levels IDB
	Freshwater Fisheries and Riparian Owners		
	Environmental Non-Governmental Organisations	Simon Barker	Nature Conservation Advisor, National Trust
	Countryside Council for Wales (CCW)	Maggie Hill	Regional Manager South & East Wales
	Forestry	Michelle Bromley	Environment Policy Advisor, Forestry Commission Wales

12 meetings of the liaison panel were held in different venues within the river basin district. Minutes are available at www.environment-agency.gov.uk/wfd

Environment Agency

- Three meetings of the WFD sub-committee of Environment Agency Midlands statutory committees – 21 June 2006, 8 February 2007, 13 November 2007.
- National Significant Water Management Issues Workshop 3 November 2006
- One to one meetings with panel members March/April 2007, September 2007, June 2008 and September 2008
- Artificial & heavily modified water bodies drop in session for panel 8 October 2007
- Talk to Severn Vale Catchment Abstraction Management Strategies Steering Committee 2 November 2007
- Three internal Environment Agency catchment workshops – Cardiff 11 February 2008, Tewkesbury 19 February 2008, Shrewsbury 20 February 2008

Consumers

- Environment Agency talk to Consumer Council for Water liaison

meeting 17 May 2006

Business Sector

- Environment Agency meeting with CBI Wales Policy Officer October 2007
- Environment Agency talk to CBI East Midlands Environment Committee 6 December 2007

Water Industry

- Preparatory meetings held prior to each liaison panel meeting. All water companies in the Severn River Basin District are invited to attend the preparatory meetings along with the River Basin Programme Manager.

Ports

- Environment Agency talk to Severn Estuary Ports Panel 29 April 2008

Environmental NGOs

- Environment Agency talk to Midlands Fisheries and Angling Consultative Committee Oct 2006
- Environment Agency talk to Inland Waterways Advisory Committee 22 May 2007
- Environment Agency talk to Bittell Reservoirs Fishing Committee 16 October 2007
- Environmental NGO river basin planning conference 6 March 2008 hosted by Worcestershire Wildlife Trust (talks by RSPB, Wildlife Trusts and Environment Agency)

Farming

- Environment Agency talk to Warwickshire Rural Hub Water in the Future event 21 May 2007
- Environment Agency talk to Wye and Lugg Catchment Sensitive Farming Steering Group 3 October 2007
- Environment Agency talk to 7Y Farmers 8 February 2008

Internal Drainage Boards

- Environment Agency talk to Association of Drainage Authorities 13 June 2007

Natural England Countryside Council for Wales

- Usk Symposium 21-22 November 2007 which included presentations from Countryside Council for Wales, Environment Agency, Dwr Cymru Welsh Water and the Wye and Usk Foundation
- Natural England local staff participated in catchment planning workshops (see catchment groups) to scope local measures linked to Natural England site/area conservation priorities
- Draft plan material and updates selectively disseminated at intervals to regional and area Natural England staff and the national WFD Project Manager. Senior Managers have been

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Activity

given generic briefings on WFD and river basin management planning.

Local Government

- Environment Agency talk to Gloucestershire Rural Issues Task Force 8 September 2006 and 1 August 2008
- Environment Agency talk to West Midlands Regional Environment Partnership 16 March 2007
- Workshops to raise awareness of WFD and river basin management planning with local authorities held in October and November 2008 in Shrewsbury, Stratford upon Avon, Cardiff and Bristol.

Catchment Groups

- Environment Agency updates on river basin management planning to Wye Management Advisory Group 20 October 2006 and 26 April 2007
- Five catchment planning workshops to develop local measures held in Shrewsbury 11 March 2008, Abergavenny 12 March 2008, Stratford upon Avon 13 March 2008 and Cardiff 6 June 2008 (focussing on Severn Estuary).

Draft River Basin Management Plan consultation

- Four public workshops to raise awareness of the dRBMP and consultation process held in Stratford upon Avon 11 February 2009, Shrewsbury 17 April, Droitwich 24 April, Birmingham 1 May 2009 and Chepstow 6 May 2009.

Other groups that had a direct involvement with the planning process:

- Liaison panel Significant Water Management Issues Task Group 9 February 2007
- Six measures task & finish groups (panel members and sector experts) November 2007
- Welsh Assembly Government Stakeholder Group
- WFD Committee meetings of Environment Agency statutory committee members
- Wales Environment Link organised a consultation workshop supported by the Environment Agency

Influencing that took place outside the liaison panel, for example Regional Spatial Strategies, Local Development Frameworks:

- Input to West Midlands Regional Spatial Strategy and Regional Economic Strategy
- Environment Agency talk to EU Strategic Partnerships in River Corridors (SPARC) project seminar on delivering EU legislation 15 May 2008

National and European level

Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs
Water Framework

Chaired by the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs. This group was established to promote stakeholder participation in the implementation of the WFD. Members of the group are able to raise issues of concern and provide input. The Environment

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Activity

Stakeholder Group

Agency lead on items and provide a detailed WFD Programme update for each.
Examples of members of the Stakeholder Group are given below. Members include people representing the water industry, land management, environmental Non-Governmental Organisations and government organisations.

- Water United Kingdom
- Natural England
- Office of Water Trading
- British Waterways
- Forestry Commission
- National Trust
- Country Landowners Association
- National Farmers Union
- Royal Society for the Protection of Birds

National Liaison Panel for England

Chaired by the Environment Agency. The National Liaison Panel for England has been set up to complement the River Basin District Liaison Panels. The panel consists of around 20 members based around the key co-deliverers, that is, organisations who are responsible for carrying out actions, and others who can both represent the public and help drive changes in behaviour. The panel works on a representational system. This means the panel members are expected to represent the views of the whole of their sector and act as a two-way channel between the panel and their sector.

Five meetings of the Liaison Panel were held between July 2007 and June 2009. Meeting papers and minutes are available on the website www.environment-agency.gov.uk/wfd. Members of the public are welcome to attend meetings as observers, by appointment with the Chair.

Wales Stakeholder Group

Chaired by the Welsh Assembly Government. The Environment Strategy for Wales contains a commitment from Welsh Assembly Government to establish a WFD Stakeholder Group for Wales. The aim of the group is to provide a focus for communication and consultation on a broad range of Water Framework related issues.

The first meeting of the Stakeholder Group took place in Cardiff on 5th March, 2007, and it convenes approximately every 6 months. It brings together a wide-ranging group of Welsh stakeholders: local government, business, agricultural and fisheries interests, land managers, statutory bodies, consumer representatives and the Assembly Government.

The group provides strategic support to Welsh Assembly Government for implementation of the WFD in Wales. It focuses on national-level policy and planning issues.

The group will continue as long as necessary, at least up to the completion of the first River Basin Management Plans in 2009.

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Minutes and presentations from these meetings are hosted at http://www.euwfd.com/html/england_and_the_wfd.html

Collaborative research programme on economics (CRP)

The Collaborative Research Programme provided a consistent UK-wide basis for the environmental economics assessments for WFD implementation. It was managed by the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs and included participation from key interested groups:

- Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, Welsh Assembly Government, Scottish Executive, Department of the Environment for Northern Ireland and other Government Departments
- Environment Agency, Scottish Environment Protection Agency, Environment and Heritage Service
- Natural England (previously English Nature), Office of Water Trading
- Industry
- Non-governmental organisations

The project considered assessment of measures and their benefits, in particular:

- a methodology to assess both the cost and effectiveness of measures aimed at protecting water resources;
- guidance on deciding when costs are likely to be disproportionate to benefits;
- a methodology for assessing the benefits - environmental, social and economic - from measures.

Other supporting material was produced, including a database of typical cost ranges for specific measures.

Tripartite meetings

The Environment Agency meet regularly with Natural England, Countryside Council for Wales and the Joint Nature Conservancy Council. Discussions are held about key policy and legal issues in the implementation of the WFD, as well as nature conservation sub-plans, protected areas and monitoring.

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<p>Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Economic Advisory Stakeholder Group (EASG)</p>	<p>The WFD Economic Advisory Stakeholder Group in England and Wales met for the first time in December 2003. Established to support the implementation of the WFD across in England and Wales. The Economic Advisory Stakeholder Group leads on issues defined as specific to England and Wales. Includes both government, agencies and stakeholders, and complements separate WFD arrangements in the devolved administrations. The Economic Advisory Stakeholder Group (ESG) in England and Wales includes all members of the ESG (government and regulators). Additional non-ESG members are listed below:</p> <p>Aluminium Foundation; Association of Electricity Producers; British Hydropower Association; British Marine Federation; British Water; British Waterways; Chemical Industries Association; The Chartered Institution of Water and Environmental Management; Confederation of British Industry; Confederation of British Wool Textiles; Confederation of Paper Industries; Country Land and Business Association; Crop Protection Association; Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, Communications Directorate; Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, Flood Management; Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, Policy and Corporate Strategy Unit; Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, Regulation Review Team; Department of Business and Regulatory Reform; Environmental Education Forum (EEF); Environmental Campaigns (ENCAMS); Environmental Industries Commission</p> <p>Highways Agency; International Navigation Association (PIANC); Kaolin & Ball Clay Association</p> <p>National Farmers' Union; Royal Society for the Protection of Birds; Royal Yachting Association</p> <p>Salmon and Trout Association; Society of British Water and Wastewater Industries;</p> <p>Surface Engineering Association; Surfers Against Sewage; United Kingdom Centre for Economic and Environmental Development; United Kingdom Major Ports; Water UK; Watervoice; The World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF)</p> <p>Key outputs from group and subgroups have been</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preliminary cost-effectiveness analysis
<p>European Union Common Implementation Strategy</p>	<p>Involvement of European Stakeholder groups in development of common European implementation guidance, including European Environment Bureau, World Wildlife Fund, PIANC (ports and navigation), Eureau and other stakeholder groups.</p>
<p>Conferences and seminars</p>	<p>Numerous conferences and seminars including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Chartered Institution of Water and Environmental Management series • Water UK WFD conference 2009 • Specific conference for liaison panel members on economics March 2009 • Defra Ministerial event 19 March 2009
<p>Other</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Periodic Review in 2009, Catchment Sensitive Farming

