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Dear Ms de-Courcey and Ms MacFarlane,

Monmouthshire Replacement Local Development Plan (RLDP) – Initial Questions

Further to previous correspondence regarding the Inspectors' initial questions, a Phosphate Position Paper has been prepared to address the issue of the effect of proposed development in the RLDP on riverine Special Areas of Conservation (SACs) in relation to the discharge of phosphorus and is attached for your information.

This Paper sets out the findings of the initial stages of work, including the nutrient budget calculations associated with proposed development in the RLDP, together with consideration of nutrient contributions from non-residential development, the recent judgement of *CG Fry & Sons Ltd v SSHCLG* [2025] UKSC 35 and high-level mitigation options and potential viability implications.

As set out in the Council's Work Programme on this matter, further work will be required to fully address the matters raised by the Inspectors, including refinement of potential/appropriate mitigation solutions and associated costs, as well as updates to the RLDP policy framework, IDP Background Paper and the HRA (in consultation with NRW). As agreed with the Inspectors, this work will progress to the end of April 2026, after which the Position Paper will be updated accordingly.

Please let us know if you have any questions on the above and/or attached Phosphate Position Paper.

Yours sincerely,

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