

Archwiliad Cynllun Datblygu Lleol Newydd Sir Fynwy 2018-2033 Monmouthshire Replacement Local Development Plan 2018-2033 Examination

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Dear Mr Davies

Monmouthshire Replacement Local Development Plan (LDP) – Request for information

In order to assist our examination into the soundness of the Monmouthshire Replacement LDP, and consideration of the effects of phosphorus on riverine SACs within the county, we are writing to you to request further information regarding Catchment Nutrient Reduction Plans (CNRPs).

Welsh Government's 'Position Statement – Nutrients' recently submitted to the Examination (ED21) states at paragraph 30 that '*NRW have committed to the principle of CNRPs to deliver an integrated approach*' and that these '*will identify steps to be taken, and measures needed to improve the relevant SACs*'. We would appreciate further clarification on the status and scope of CNRPs, specifically including the following points:

1. An update on progress on CNRPs, whether these are in production or yet to be commenced, along with a timeline for their expected completion and implementation, as well as their lifetime.
2. Whether the measures to be identified within CNRPs will be 'secure', as defined by paragraph 6.6.33 of Welsh Government's Interim Planning Policy Statement on Development in SAC Rivers.
3. How CNRPs will be integrated with other delivery and management plans, including whether further implementation/action plans will be required.
4. The assumptions in relation to growth on which the CNRPs are based.

We would appreciate your response to the above by **1 July 2026**.

If any of the matters we have set out above are unclear, please contact the Programme Officer as soon as possible.

This letter will be published on the examination website. We are not inviting any comments or responses from interested parties.

Yours sincerely,

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