

Partnership Meeting

Supplement 3 to the agenda for

Wye Catchment Nutrient Management Board

Wednesday 21 January 2026

2.00 pm

**Conference Room 1 - Herefordshire Council, Plough Lane
Offices, Hereford, HR4 0LE**

2. NOTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING: QUESTIONS RECEIVED AT PREVIOUS MEETINGS

As referenced in note 16, the following response has been received from Powys County Council:

Date: 21/01/26

Officer responding: Jed Knight, Natural Capital Project Manager

Powys currently assesses cumulative impacts at the point of application through the Habitat Regulations Assessment (HRA) and Appropriate Assessment (AA) process. This includes:

- Reviewing nutrient levels in the relevant part of the SAC
- Considering existing planning permissions and known nutrient inputs in the area.
- Consulting NRW

However, Powys does not currently maintain a live, spatially integrated record of all intensive livestock developments across the catchment post-determination. There is no centralised GIS or nutrient tracking system in place for cumulative impact monitoring across the whole catchment.

While Powys is upstream of Herefordshire and Monmouthshire, we recognise that airborne ammonia and waterborne nutrient pollution can have transboundary effects. At present:

Airborne impacts (e.g. ammonia deposition) are considered via screening tools like SCAIL during HRA.

Waterborne impacts are assessed using available data on SAC condition and nutrient status, but Powys does assess downstream effects unless flagged by NRW or consultees.

We would welcome a coordinated approach across LPAs and NRW to develop a shared nutrient impact register or catchment-wide nutrient budget model, which could support more robust cumulative impact assessment.