

Questioner: Nick Day, The Friends of the Lower Wye

The Nutrient Management Plan published by NRW et al in November 2021 included an ambition to "target work by sub catchments based on P evidence report but also taking into account other relevant evidence" (P46). In the River Trothy sub-catchment, Citizen Scientists have recorded persistent high levels of phosphorus and other pollutants over the past several years.

What steps have NRW taken to reduce the nutrient load in the Trothy,

What further actions are planned, and

What and by when are the expected outcomes of current and planned actions?

Response requested from Natural Resources Wales (NRW)

Questioner: Nicola Cutcher, Friends of the River Wye

Given the problems caused by soil run-off from maize growing in the catchment, will the NMB ask Defra to introduce legislation which would require all maize to be under-sown? Or would this be better addressed through special measures for the Wye?

For consideration by the Nutrient Management Board (NMB)

Question for NRW: Are you seeing any increase in fields in Wales growing stubble turnip for sheep over winter? Are you concerned about the soil run-off from these fields? Do you think it's wise for the Welsh Government to be incentivising this practice through subsidies?

Response requested from Natural Resources Wales (NRW)

I also have further questions for the EA:

Given the [internal documents we uncovered](#) showing the local EA Land and Water team have "strong concerns about the impact on the River Wye" should the AD at Whitwick Manor be granted permission - will these concerns be relayed by the EA to Herefordshire Council as part of the planning process?

Relatedly, can the EA confirm its mapping is not fit for purpose, given it was unable to identify that the Whitwick Manor AD site is in the Lugg catchment? And what is being done to rectify this?

Response requested from the Environment Agency (EA)