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Dear Secretary of State,

Environmental Delivery Plan notification

The Planning and Infrastructure Act 2025 (Section 64(1)) requires the Secretary of State to be notified and said notification published when Natural England decides to prepare an Environmental Delivery Plan (EDP).

This letter is to notify you that Natural England has decided to prepare 23 EDPs in England:

- Natural England is preparing sixteen (16) EDPs for nutrient pollution from development affecting protected sites (Annex A)
- Natural England is preparing seven (7) EDPs for great crested newts (GCN), for development (including infrastructure) in England where GCN are materially present (Annex B)

Following the Ministerial commitment during the passage of the legislation, the first EDPs that Natural England will consult on and submit as final draft EDPs in accordance with the statutory process, will relate to nutrient pollution only. Natural England is, however, preparing a number of EDPs in parallel; noting that the Government has committed to not making any EDPs beyond nutrient pollution before making a statement to Parliament setting out the initial learnings from the development and implementation of the first EDPs. This will allow for a test and learn approach to be taken.

I am copying this letter to the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government and Natural England will now publish this notification.

Yours,

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CEO of Natural England

Annex A – EDPs for nutrient pollution

Catchment	Type of nutrient pollution
Peak District Dales SAC	Phosphorus
Poole Harbour SPA/Ramsar	Nitrogen
River Avon SAC	Phosphorus
River Axe SAC	Phosphorus
River Camel SAC	Phosphorus
River Clun SAC	Nitrogen and Phosphorus
River Eden SAC	Phosphorus
River Kent SAC	Phosphorus
River Lambourn SAC	Phosphorus
River Lugg SAC	Phosphorus
River Mease SAC	Phosphorus
Solent SAC/SPA/Ramsar (including River Itchen SAC)	Nitrogen (and Phosphorus for the River Itchen SAC)
Somerset Levels & Moors Ramsar	Phosphorus
Stodmarsh SAC/Ramsar	Nitrogen and Phosphorus
Teesmouth & Cleveland Coast SPA/Ramsar	Nitrogen
The Broads SAC/Ramsar (including River Wensum SAC)	Nitrogen and Phosphorus

Annex B – EDPs for GCN

Environmental Delivery Plans for great crested newts	Indicative counties covered
East of England	Norfolk Suffolk Essex Cambridgeshire Hertfordshire
North East & Yorkshire	Northumberland Tyne & Wear Durham North Yorkshire East Riding of Yorkshire West Yorkshire South Yorkshire
North West	Cumbria Lancashire Greater Manchester Cheshire Merseyside
East Midlands	Derbyshire Leicestershire Nottinghamshire Greater Lincolnshire Rutland
South West	Wiltshire Somerset Bristol Dorset Devon
West Midlands & Central	Shropshire Staffordshire Herefordshire Worcestershire West Midlands Warwickshire Gloucestershire Oxfordshire Buckinghamshire Northamptonshire Bedfordshire
South East	Kent Greater London Surrey Berkshire Hampshire & Isle of Wight West Sussex East Sussex

