

## **Presentations**

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### **Environment, Economy, Housing & Transport Board**

Thursday 3 February 2022

11.00 am

Online / Beecham Room, 7th Floor, 18 Smith Square, London, SW1P 3HZ

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# LGA Board Phosphates Pollution in the River Wye Catchment



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# Sources – Farming & Agriculture

# 67%



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Source –  
Environment Agency

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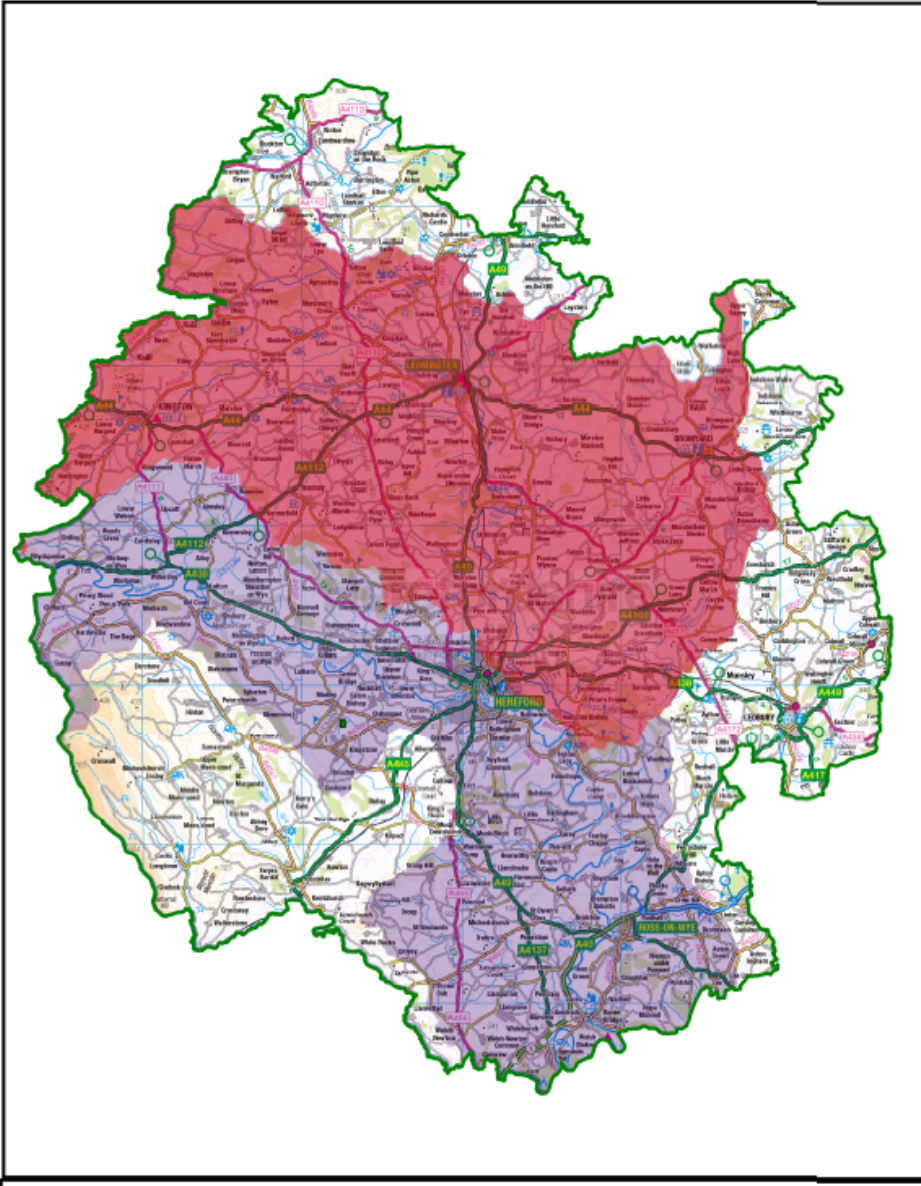
**Water Treatment Plants**

**Urban & Highway runoff**



**24%**

**9%**



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Development  
paused across  
North of the County

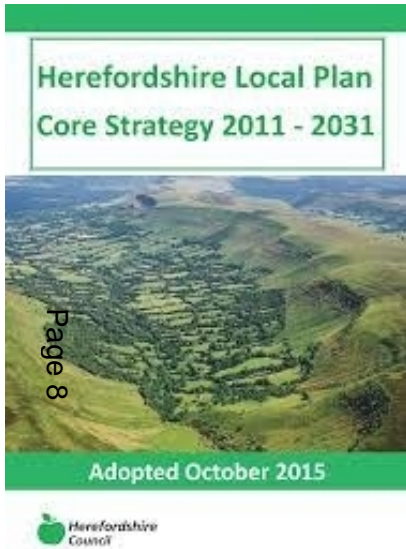




# Stakeholder Complexity



# Impact on Council



- Severe constraints on planning function
- Inability to hit Housing Delivery Targets
- Significant resources consumed in developing mitigation infrastructure
- Our biggest community leadership challenge
- Lost NHB, S106 and a lower C'tax base

# Impact on Development



- 2000 Homes and rising
- 484 Affordable homes
- Backlog of unsubmitted applications
- Building supply chain has fallen apart





# Economic Impact

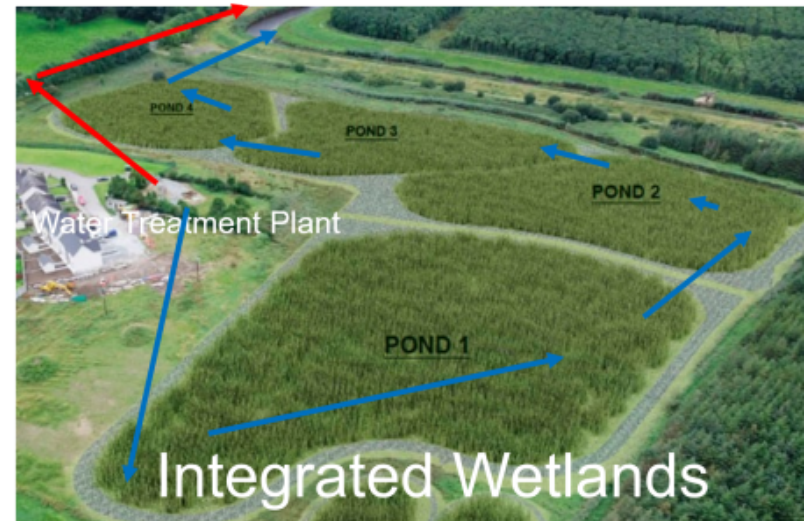
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- £300m lost from local economy
- Business growth & inward investment restricted
- Investors looking to locate out of county
- Already has the lowest productivity (GVA per hour) in England
- Very low wage economy – facing significant levelling up challenges
- Above trend local house price inflation
- Lack of social housing – families moving away

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# Herefordshire's Response

- Phosphate Calculator
- Agricultural SPD
- Integrated Wetlands
- Phosphate Credits
- Coordinates lobbying
  - Water Protection Zone
  - Calling for a Wye Phosphate commission
- Close relationship with Powys
- Facilitates the Nutrient Management Board
- Contributes Ecology and Planning Expertise to NMB



# National Level Activity

## Intergovernmental Group



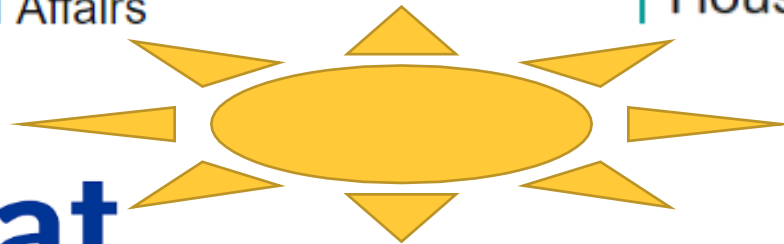
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# What role could the LGA Play?

1. Secure sector and Impacted CEO membership in the Intergovernmental Group
2. Quantify the national Economic, Housing, Social and Environmental Impact
3. Lobby for effective action from OFWAT / NE /EA
4. Engage with National Partnerships on English and Welsh border issues

**Final Thought- Herefordshire is equipped and ready to play our part nationally with others.**



# Discussion

