

LGA Board
Phosphates Pollution in
the River Wye Catchment



3rd February 2022

The Wye and Lugg

From this....



... to this



Sources – Farming & Agriculture

67%



Source –
Environment Agency

Sources continued.....

Water Treatment Plants

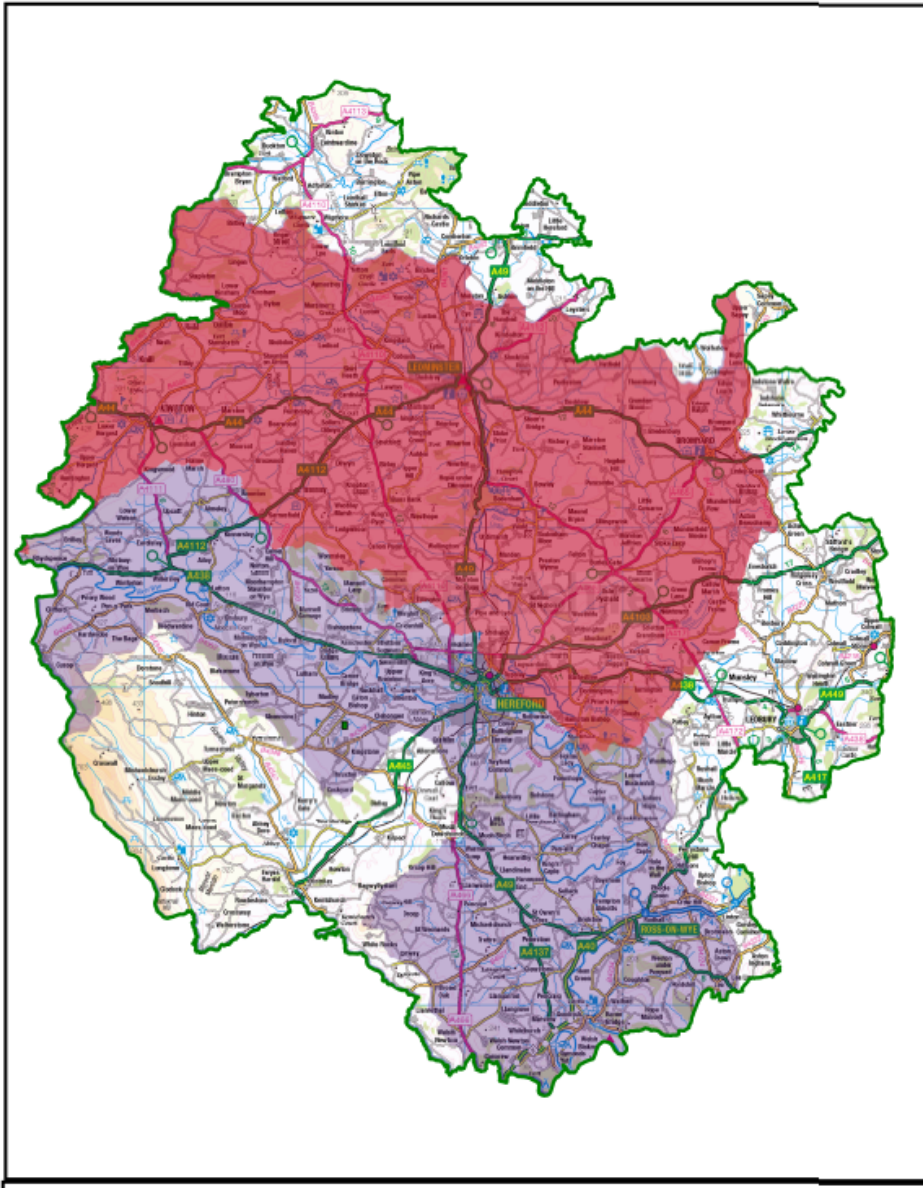


24%

Urban & Highway runoff



9%



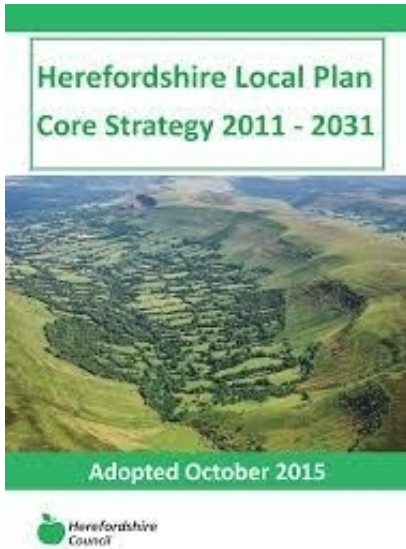
July 2019 NE write
to HC-
Development
paused across
North of the County



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



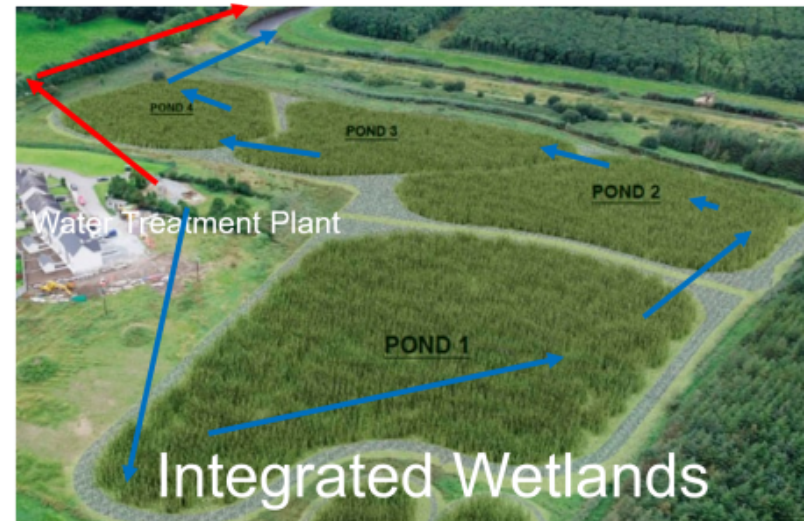


Economic Impact

- £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

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

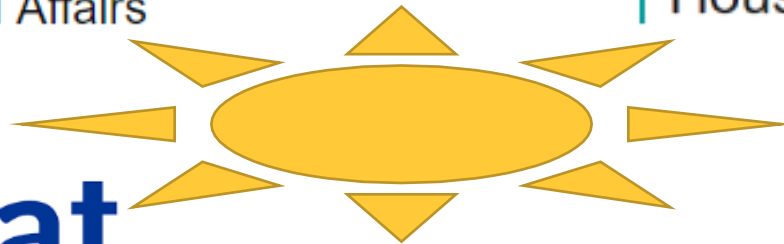


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for Environment
Food & Rural Affairs



Department for Levelling Up,
Housing & Communities

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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

