# EEHT Update Paper

## Update Nutrient Neutrality

1. Defra released a set of announcements on 16 March 2022 on nature including a [consultation on legally binding targets](https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/nature-recovery-green-paper) on environmental quality and a Green Paper on nature recovery, a [written statement from the Secretary of State](https://questions-statements.parliament.uk/written-statements/detail/2022-03-16/hcws688), and a [paper on nutrient pollution](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/nutrient-pollution-reducing-the-impact-on-protected-sites).
2. Defra announced that 42 new local planning authorities are subject to advice on nutrient neutrality (Table 1), in addition to the 32 already notified (Table 2). New funding will be made available to each affected river catchment area to work on nutrient neutrality and find ways to help development continue.
3. The Planning Advisory Service is working with councils to provide support and share learning from councils in the first wave of announcements.
4. The LGA has [put out a response](https://www.local.gov.uk/about/news/lga-responds-nature-recovery-plan) to the Nature Recovery Plan and the Natural England advice on nutrient neutrality.

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| **Table 1: Newly advised LPAs – a list of the authorities contacted by Natural England in March 2022** |
| Allerdale Borough Council |
| Borough Council of King's Lynn and West Norfolk |
| Breckland Council |
| Broadland & South Norfolk Council |
| Carlisle City Council |
| Cheshire East Council |
| Cheshire West and Chester Council |
| Copeland Borough Council |
| Darlington Borough Council |
| Derbyshire Dales District Council |
| Durham County Council |
| East Devon District Council |
| East Riding of Yorkshire Council |
| East Staffordshire Borough Council |
| Eden District Council |
| Great Yarmouth Borough Council |
| Hambleton District Council |
| Hartlepool Borough Council |
| High Peak Borough Council |
| Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council |
| Lake District National Park |
| Lichfield District Council |
| Malvern Hills District Council |
| Middlesbrough Council |
| North Norfolk District Council |
| North Warwickshire Borough Council |
| North West Leicestershire District Council |
| North York Moors National Park |
| Northumberland County Council |
| Northumberland National Park |
| Norwich City Council |
| Peak District National Park Authority |
| Redcar and Cleveland Borough Council |
| Richmondshire District Council |
| Shropshire Council |
| South Derbyshire District Council |
| South Lakeland Council |
| Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council |
| Swindon Borough Council |
| The Broads Authority |
| Vale of White Horse District Council |
| West Berkshire Council |

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| **Table 2: LPAs advised since 2018 – a list of authorities who had previously been given advice on nutrient neutrality** |
| Ashford Borough Council |
| Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council |
| Bournemouth Christchurch and Poole Council |
| Canterbury City Council |
| Chichester District Council |
| Cornwall Council |
| Dorset Council |
| Dover District Council |
| East Hampshire District Council |
| Eastleigh Borough Council |
| Exmoor National Park |
| Fareham Borough Council |
| Folkestone and Hythe District Council |
| Gosport Borough Council |
| Havant Borough Council |
| Herefordshire Council |
| Isle of Wight Council |
| Maidstone Borough Council |
| Mendip District Council |
| Mid Devon District Council |
| New Forest District Council |
| New Forest National Park Authority |
| Portsmouth City Council |
| Sedgemoor District Council |
| Somerset West and Taunton District Council |
| South Downs National Park Authority |
| South Somerset District |
| Southampton City Council |
| Swale Borough Council |
| Test Valley Borough Council |
| Wiltshire Council |
| Winchester City Council |

**Map 1: Natural England’s map of river catchment areas across the UK where advice on nutrient neutrality applies to planning decisions**

