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**Your ref:** 222619

**Date:** 12 October 2022

**F.A.O: Rebecca Jenman**

Dear Rebecca

**PROPOSED CREATION OF AN INTEGRATED CONSTRUCTED WETLAND ON  
LAND TO THE EAST OF TITLEY WASTEWATER TREATMENT WORKS, TITLEY,  
HEREFORDSHIRE**

Thank you for referring the above application which was received on the 13 September 2022. We would offer the following comments for your consideration at this time.

As with similar schemes in Herefordshire we understand that the wetland proposal is being driven by a need to address phosphorus levels in the River Wye SAC and that your Council are progressing work to deliver these schemes in discussion with Natural England (NE), The Wye and Usk Foundation (WUF), Welsh Water and ourselves. Specifically, the proposed wetland should provide additional treatment for removal of phosphorus from the final effluent of the Titley Waste Water Treatment Works. We are also aware of the wider suite of works being progressed in the County to improve water quality in the Wye SAC including nutrient offsetting (credits) and the phosphate calculator.

In addition to planning permission, and in consideration of the performance and maintenance of the wetland, the scheme may require an Environmental Permit as a waste treatment facility. It is understood that discussions are ongoing between the Environment Agency, the Wye and Usk Foundation and your Council regarding the permitting requirements and how the proposed development, and similar schemes, will be operated. It is currently being discussed as to whether the works could be progressed and operate without the need for a waste Permit and would fall under the Regulatory Position Statement (RPS) for such schemes in the Wye SAC (the operator would still need to comply with the RPS criteria).

Yours faithfully

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