

Humber River Basin District

Water for life and livelihoods

Welcome to the third Humber River Basin District newsletter. Find out more about how we are identifying the issues we will need to focus on to achieve the Water Framework Directive.

Third liaison panel meeting

The Humber river basin district liaison panel had their third meeting on the 26 January 2007 in Nottingham.

The meeting focused on understanding and prioritising water management issues affecting the river basin which were identified at the last liaison panel meeting.

The group looked into the root causes of the issues and then ranked them using a set of criteria developed at a national workshop last year. This will be used to help identify the work required for the development and implementation of the

Humber river basin management plan. The liaison panel will discuss this further at the next meeting and then a summary document will be published for consultation in July 2007.

A presentation was also given about the Strategic Environmental Assessment process. The Environment Agency has a statutory requirement to carry out this work to identify and assess what impact the Water Framework Directive will have on the environment. A scoping report will be produced at the same time as the significant water management issues consultation document.



Humber Bridge over the Humber Estuary



River Aire at Leeds

How will the Water Framework Directive affect your sector?

The Water Framework Directive will affect both the land and water environment. The Environment Agency have put together a number of information sheets outlining how the directive may affect different sectors and how they will contribute to its successful delivery.

Information sheets about the following sectors are currently available:

- agriculture
- diffuse pollution
- fisheries
- industry
- spatial planning
- catchment abstraction management strategies
- England-Scotland cross border River Basin Districts.

You can access these on the 'how will your sector be affected' webpages at www.environment-agency.gov.uk/wfd

Working together goes live

There is still time for you to respond to our first public consultation document 'working together' which outlines ways everyone can work together to help preserve and protect the water environment.

A new web-based system allows you to access the document and add your comments and responses online. It also lets you view other responses and copy yours to other River Basin Districts.

The consultation runs until the 22 June 2007, however it would help us to receive your comments by the end of March 2007 so that we can discuss any issues you may have with our proposals.

To take part visit the hot topic link at www.environment-agency.gov.uk/wfd or contact Viki Hirst (see contact information) to receive a copy by post.

What's next?

End March 2007 - initial responses received from the 'working together' consultation

30 April 2007 - Humber Liaison panel meeting

22 June 2007 - final comments received from the 'working together' consultation

July 2007 - summary of significant water management issues consultation starts for six months

Further information

For more information about the Water Framework Directive in the Humber River Basin District:

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