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Hydromorphology Expert Group

Sub-group Discussion

3rd Expert Group Meeting

Online

2 April 2025

Sub-Group Discussion



Meeting Frequency

The frequency of meetings may be determined depending on the specific sectoral issues or thematic sub-group agendas.

Sub- Group membership

Meeting invitations will be issued to the Expert Group as a whole. Attendees marked as 'required' or 'optional' depending on the topic. 'Optional' attendees are welcome to attend these Sub-Group meetings where relevant to their organisation.

Proposed Sub-Group Themes

Presenting two approaches for discussion



Policy

Restoration

Interim
Measures

Approach 1

Proposed Sub-Group Themes



Policy

- Arterial Drainage Review
- Other Suggestions?

- Policy sub-group more of a long term prospect.
- **Action 3.11:** A review of arterial drainage requirements and the underpinning Arterial Drainage Act will be undertaken in order to inform future land use policy decisions, arising out of the Land Use Review, and to support the preparations for the implementation of the new Nature Restoration Law and the Heavily Modified Water Body review process.

Approach 1

Proposed Sub-Group Themes



Restoration

- National Barriers Mitigation Project
 - Other suggestions?
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- National Barriers Mitigation Project (IFI) is currently operational and is cross cutting with the Nature Restoration Law.

Approach 1

Proposed Sub-Group Themes



Interim Measures

- EIA(Ag) Regs (New land drainage)
 - IFI Access rights
 - Other suggestions?
- Focus on Interim measures as a starting point?

Approach 2

Proposed Sub-Groups



Drainage (channel and land)

- Policy – Arterial Drainage Practices. EIA (Ag) Regs (New land drainage).
- Restoration – Nature Restoration Law Links
- Interim Measures

Approach 2

Proposed Sub-Groups



Barriers Mitigation

- Policy
- Restoration – Nature Restoration Law links
- Interim Measures – IFI access rights

Approach 2 Proposed Sub-Groups



EIA (Ag) Regs (New land drainage).

- Policy
- Restoration
- Interim Measures