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Cc:	Tim Carter; Harriet Thomas; Alex Scorey; Hunt, Richard; Gillespie, Glen (NE); Jennifer.Donaldson@naturalengland.org.uk; Gibson, Chris (NE); Pring, Dave; Marie Evans; Jordan, Peter; Reid, Stuart
Subject:	Final Evidence Plan - EA response
Date:	30 June 2016 16:54:26
Attachments:	image001.png

Dear Jo,

The Environment Agency is satisfied that the Evidence Plan (SG9v2) should be published. Whilst we will endeavour to fulfil our part of the process, any acceptance on our part is subject to the following conditions:

- This is not a legally binding agreement
- Our involvement is subject to our normal cost recovery processes, and is also subject to the skills and resources being available to TLC at the time of asking.
- In any case as we have flood and environmental incident response duties our work on incident response is always a priority and can affect routine work. TLC can choose to ask for our advise on this basis, or not, but it will always be a condition of our engagement.
- Appendix 4 – Work Programme – needs updating as a priority. We cannot plan for our involvement in any of the ETG's without adequate notice.

We attempt to meet the needs of all of our customer groups. Our advice is given based on resource available at the time and an agreement securing the payment and terms. This has been made clear throughout Payment for Advice discussions. If TLC are able to provide a programme of work outlining EA needs we would be able to plan our input going forward - leading to resource being available when TLC need it. At the moment we are only able to plan a month or less ahead - the obvious consequence of that is that resource will not always be available as and when TLC require it - regardless of response timescales outlined in the Evidence Plan document. We cannot be bound by TLC Evidence Plan timescales - this was made clear at the last SG meeting. We are happy to reopen discussions on a Payment for advice agreement that would secure resource availability throughout the evidence plan process.

Kind Regards,

Ross

From: Reid, Stuart [mailto:Stuart.Reid@cyfoethnaturiolcymru.gov.uk]
Sent: 22 June 2016 11:40
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Subject: RE: Final Evidence Plan - NRW Comments

Dear Jo

NRW do have further comments to make on the Evidence Plan, which I include in a copy of the

spreadsheet tracker (attached). In producing these comments we have cross-checked with the minor changes made following the PINS comments. We request that TLC consider our comments and respond for the record.

I can confirm that sign-off would need to be by letter from my Development Planning Manager.

We are minded that TLC may decide to adjust text in response to our comments, but I can indicate that NRW are minded that we could sign-off this version of the Evidence Plan subject to:

a) The comments we make in the attached spreadsheet
b) There being adequate resource available to fulfil our part of the process described

Whilst we welcome the coordinated approach that the Evidence Plan Process provides, we need to highlight the dependence of the process on the availability of stakeholder resources, including that of ourselves. An extant Advice Agreement with TLP supports aspects of our input on TLC, but we have previously highlighted the limitations of the agreement to Graham and Tim.

Once you have had a chance to review our comments, let me know if you wish me to progress sign-off of the attached version of the evidence plan with NRW management.

If you have any queries please let me know.

Regards

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Subject: Final Evidence Plan

Dear all,

Further to our email of the 15th April 2016, requesting a further response to the amendments made to the Evidence Plan by the end of April so that it could be finalised by May, we have received comments from PINS. We are not expecting further comment from NE as indicated by their initial response.

As it is now the middle of June and we have received no further comments from NRW or the EA, please find attached the final Evidence Plan document. There have been some very minor amendments following PINs further comments. Also find attached the completed comments spreadsheet that was issued with the email in April.

Can NRW, NE and EA please provide formal confirmation that the Evidence Plan is signed off by the 22nd June 2016 (or confirm the process for signing off the Evidence Plan), in line with Action 42 from the 3rd Steering Group meeting and requested in the email of 15th April 2016. PINS advice was that this is typically in the form of a letter from the SNCB.

We therefore anticipate that the Evidence Plan can be signed off by the end of June 2016 and then uploaded onto the PINS website thereafter.

Kind regards
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