

Seminar 3: Spatial Planning and Water Management for the Northwest Region

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PART TWO

Changes to the planning system itself

- Strengthening existing Planning Policy Statements in terms of the consideration of water issues and the WFD.
- Developing a Planning Policy Statement dedicated to the water environment.
- Developing guidance to assist local planning authorities in considering water issues and the WFD.
- Strengthening the position of water issues and the WFD in Regional Spatial Strategies.
- Strengthening the position of water and the consideration of WFD issues in waste and minerals plans.
- Encouraging the application of the polluter pays principle.
- Greater use of the precautionary principle.
- Promoting good practice approaches – green infrastructure, SUDS etc.
- Emphasising the contribution that improving the water environment via the planning system can make to other sectors e.g. regeneration, tourism, economic development.
- Strengthening the link between the planning system and other pollution control regimes.