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Dear Consultee

**Consultation on integrating flood defence consents into the Environmental Permitting regime**

I am writing to invite your views on various aspects of the Government's proposals to integrate flood defence consents into the Environmental Permitting regime which has been launched today.

The following documents may be found on Defra's website:

- Consultation document
- Annex 1; proposed exemptions
- Annex 2; proposed exclusions
- Impact Assessment

These documents relate to this consultation by Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra) and Welsh Government (WG) on the changes to the existing environmental permitting regulations, and proposed exemptions and exclusions from these. The Environment Agency are carrying out a separate, though linked consultation on proposals for standard rules that would apply to permits for standard activities in England. There are no standard rules permits proposed for Wales at this time. Defra, WG and EA are coordinating these consultations in order to give stakeholders a clearer idea of the complete scheme.

We welcome your views and comments on the proposals. If you wish to obtain a copy of this consultation, please contact [floodreports@defra.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:floodreports@defra.gsi.gov.uk).

**Responses**

This consultation will run for 10 weeks, and will end on 17 February 2015. To submit your consultation response please complete the consultation questionnaire provided through Citizen Space (Citizen Space is an on-line consultation tool).

Responses should be received by 17 February 2015.



## Consultation Criteria

This consultation is in line with the Code of practice on Consultations.

This can be found at [www.cabinetoffice.gov.uk/resource-library/consultation-principles-guidance](http://www.cabinetoffice.gov.uk/resource-library/consultation-principles-guidance)

Copies of responses will be made available to the public on request. If you do not want your response – including your name, contact details and any other personal information – to be publicly available, please say so clearly in writing when you send your response to the consultation. Please note, if your computer automatically includes a confidentiality disclaimer, that won't count as a confidentiality request.

Please explain why you need to keep details confidential. We will take your reasons into account if someone asks for this information under freedom of information legislation. But, because of the law, we cannot promise that we will always be able to keep those details confidential.

We will summarise all responses and place this summary on our website at;  
[www.gov.uk/defra](http://www.gov.uk/defra)

This summary will include a list of names of organisations that responded but not people's personal names, addresses or other contact details.

If you have any comments or complaints about the consultation process, please address them to:

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or email [consultation.coordinator@defra.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:consultation.coordinator@defra.gsi.gov.uk).

Thank you for your help in this matter. If you have any queries please contact us as above.

Yours Faithfully

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