



A clear solution for farmers

CATCHMENT SENSITIVE FARMING

Priority Catchment Targeting Summary March 2011 – March 2014

River Basin District: Severn

Catchment: Cound Brook

Total Area: 129 km²

Reasons for designation

The Cound Brook is currently suffering from high levels of pesticides and sediment; metaldahyde in particular is being traced at the drinking water treatment works well above the drinking water standard. The catchment is also failing on biological status and is at risk from agricultural diffuse water pollution. The catchment was designated in 2012 and delivery is undertaken solely by contractors with no Catchment Sensitive Farming Officer (CSFO) input.

Priorities

Drinking Water Protected Area (Surface water); Pesticides (metaldahyde)

Objectives

- Reduce, pesticide and nutrient losses from agricultural holdings

Delivery

Due to the existing pesticide problems in the catchment, there will be pesticide handling and application advice and training available for farmers to utilise, which should help to reduce the amount of pesticides entering the watercourses. Nutrient management planning and machinery testing and calibration will be available to farmers in the catchment.

Advice on manure and nutrient management will be available to groups of farmers in the catchment as well as pesticide training (modules PA1 and PA4S). Farmers and land managers will also have access to soil training events including soil compaction and grass growth and soil husbandry and erosion.

The CSF Capital Grant Scheme will be available within the target area of the catchment, focusing on reducing runoff and pesticides from the fields and the yard.

Targeting Map

