- 1. A proportionate assessment of the overall nutrient budget of the development in each plan (i.e. how much phosphate the planned development in each plan is likely to produce).
- 2. The development of the Dee Catchment Phosphate Reduction Strategy showing how the LDPs plan to manage phosphates arising from development and ensure compliance with Habitat Regulations. The DCPRS will contain the above assessment and a range of potential measures that can be utilised to limit and reduce phosphates directly from development in the plans, as well as wider measures that can be utilised in the wider riverine catchment to reduce the present level of phosphates entering the rivers. This will, for example, involve the creation of a Nutrient Management Board comprising key stakeholders who have responsibility for managing various aspects of the water environment and contributing land uses in the wider catchment, many of which are outside of the control of the Plans or LPAs.
- 3. Modification of the respective deposit LDP policies that deal with protection of the water environment to provide a backstop to ensure that new development does not have an adverse impact on that environment in terms of phosphate levels. This will be accompanied by a section within the DCPRS showing, in principle, how mitigation will be delivered and developer contributions calculated and secured. After or prior to adoption, a developer contributions supplementary planning guidance (SPG) that forms part of the measures that will be set out in 2, above, will be published, that provide a planning mechanism to assist with mitigating impacts.
- 4. An addendum to the respective plan Habitat Regulations Assessments (HRA) which will screen all of the MACs for significance of impact, but particularly demonstrate for water quality matters how the plan demonstrates no adverse impacts, from the combined approach set our above.
- 5. Two similar Statements of Common Ground (SoCG) with NRW which, in summary, will show that the above approach satisfies NRW's guidance to LPAs, issued by letter to each LPA in April.

## Timescales

The Councils and NRW hope to complete this work by the end of October , when the respective HRA addendums, Amended Matters Arising Change policies, Nutrient Management Strategy and SoCG will be submitted to you for consideration and, hopefully, agreement that they be used to support the publication of MACs for public consultation.