

## The First Soil Action Plan for England: update on progress (4)

The following table outlines progress from 04 November 2005 – 05 May 2006 on all 52 actions included in the Soil Action Plan. Any progress made since 05 May 2006 will be included in the next progress report (for the November 2006 Advisory Forum meeting). The table is split according to Advisory Forum sub-group interest, with all completed actions recorded at the end.

**Note:** The traffic light system is used to give an indication of our progress against actions.

### General/overarching

	Action	Progress	Traffic Light
6	Defra will agree a framework with other departments to help ensure that Government's wider policies take proper account of their impacts on soils and recognise soil as a strategic national resource	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Continued engagement with DfES, ODPM, DTI on specific work areas – education and the built environment.</li> <li>Engaged with a wide range of Government stakeholders (including the above, plus Cabinet Office, HMT) in relation to the Soil Thematic Strategy and proposed Soil Framework Directive, informing them of developments and providing opportunities to contribute to various UK briefings for UKREP and senior officials.</li> </ul>	<b>A</b>
8	Defra will ensure that, during the process of reconstructing the Government's rural delivery landscape in response to the Haskins report, all new and reconstructed agencies concerned with land management issues have regard to the proper management of soils alongside other requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This action is being taken on alongside Action 5.</li> <li>We have been working with the Environment Agency in agreeing relevant sections of their Corporate Strategy and Plan and Soil Strategy.</li> <li>We are working to finalise a delivery matrix, for future years, with our delivery partners.</li> </ul>	<b>G</b>
9	Defra will work with the European Commission, UK stakeholders and other member states to try and ensure that outcomes of the EU Soil Thematic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Briefing on the outputs the UK could support in the Soil Thematic Strategy has been provided to UKREP to be discussed with the European Commission.</li> <li>We have been working with other MS to determine which</li> </ul>	<div style="display: inline-block; width: 50%; height: 100%;"></div> <div style="display: inline-block; width: 50%; height: 100%; background-color: red;"></div>

	Strategy are appropriate to UK soils and the pressures on them	<p>Presidency will take this work on once the Commission communicates its proposals – possible that this will be Germany in the first half of 2007.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>We have provided contributions to the developing UK line on both the Waste and Urban Environment Thematic Strategies, to ensure soil management is considered where necessary.</li> </ul>	<b>A</b>	<b>R</b>
52	The Defra Soils Team will measure and report progress on all actions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>As well as providing twice yearly progress reports, informal monthly newsletters of progress are also produced.</li> <li>Second Annual Report for the Soil Action Plan is currently being drafted for Ministerial approval during June 2006.</li> </ul>	<b>G</b>	

### Sustainable soil management (SUS)

1	Defra will implement the CAP cross compliance conditions in such a way as to foster basic good management of soils in the farming industry	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Cross Compliance Soil Protection Review (SPR) and the Cross Compliance Guidance for Soil Management (2006 edition) were circulated to all farmers in England in December 2005. The Guidance has been updated in light of stakeholder comments, and includes new sections on managing soils not in agricultural production and managing soils under set-aside. Inspection process for 2006 has been agreed.</li> <li>A delivery plan for 2006 has been agreed with Momenta, as part of their cross compliance advice contract, this will focus on the SPR – requirements, key dates etc.</li> <li>Work is ongoing to agree an inspection/enforcement process for the SPR.</li> <li>Working with colleagues in Sustainable Agriculture Strategy Division to agree the process for monitoring the impact of cross compliance in delivering outcomes.</li> </ul>	<b>G</b>	
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2	Defra will encourage better management of agricultural soils that goes beyond the requirements of the Single Payment, through the provision of incentives under the Agri-Environment Scheme	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Statistics/charts are being produced on a quarterly basis to demonstrate the uptake of the different soil relevant options under Environmental Stewardship. Interest in the Soil Management Planning option of ELS is considerably higher than was originally anticipated, with just over 7,500 commitments to date (equivalent to 40% of ELS applications).</li> <li>We are inputting to work to monitor and evaluate the impact of Environmental Stewardship on soil protection.</li> </ul>	<b>G</b>
19	The Environment Agency, Defra and partners will continue to develop soil guideline values for protection of human health from contaminants in soil	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Building on the work of the Soil Guideline Values Task Force (looking at aspects of SGV production, including prioritising the individual substances yet to be published), Defra is currently drawing together proposals aimed at improving and adding to the SGV series and the related framework under which the substance reports are produced. Work on developing individual substance reports is continuing, and further reports will be published when the way forward has been determined.</li> </ul>	<b>A</b>
21	Defra will seek, during negotiations on the proposed Bio-Waste Directive, to agree arrangements which encourage the return of organic material to the soil	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>We have explained previously that the Commission is no longer considering a separate Biowaste Directive. The published text on the Waste and Recycling Thematic Strategy suggests that the Commission is looking to develop a technical standard for biowaste. We are mindful of the time this will take and the need for greater market certainty before commencement.</li> <li>We are working with colleagues in Defra's Waste Management and Waste Strategy Divisions, as well as the Devolved Administrations, Environment Agency and WRAP to develop an agreed technical standard for the recycling of organic materials to land, based on PAS100 criteria. We expect the work to report in June 2006.</li> <li>We are also working with the Composting Task Force, examining what materials can be applied to land under exemption and what requires further control. This is ongoing work and we hope to report progress during September 2006.</li> </ul>	<b>A</b>

24	Defra will consider whether controls on the use of metal-containing veterinary medicines are appropriate to balance environmental and livestock interests and how they are enforced	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This action is being tackled alongside Action 29.</li> <li>An internal gap analysis is being undertaken to determine where further work is needed to balance environmental and livestock interests with the use of metal-containing veterinary medicines. Report expected late-Spring 2006.</li> <li>Final report for the ADAS led project on sources and impacts of past, current and future contamination of soil has been delayed and should be approved by end-May 2006. This will feed into the gap analysis.</li> </ul>	A
26	Defra will ensure that appropriate measures are in place or in train to achieve the requirements for 2010 as set out in the National Emissions Ceilings Directive and Gothenburg Protocol	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ongoing preparations within Defra for the proposals (following the review of this Directive), which are expected in late-2006/early-2007.</li> <li>We are working with colleagues in Air and Environment Quality Division but have nothing to report at this stage.</li> </ul>	A
29	Defra will work with the veterinary medicines industry and other partners to gain better understanding of the potential impacts of veterinary products on soil biodiversity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This action is being tackled alongside Action 24. See Action 24 for detail.</li> </ul>	A
32	Defra will review the Code of Good Agricultural Practice (COGAP) for the protection of soil	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>We have agreed with other policy leads to seek to revise the three existing COGAPs (soil, water, air) and develop a more integrated Code. This is currently been drafted and a first draft is expected Summer 2006. There will be further consultation with stakeholders before the document is finalised.</li> </ul>	G
36	Defra will work with partners to re-examine current soil management advice, to take account of the potential impacts of inappropriate management on flooding, aquifer recharge and water and air quality	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This action will be taken on in conjunction with Action 32. See Action 32 for detail.</li> </ul>	G

**Awareness and education (AWE)**

5	Defra will engage with key stakeholders	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>England Catchment Sensitive Farming (CSF) programme</li> </ul>	
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	across Government Departments and Agencies to seek to deliver improved Training/Career Path Development programmes for Defra-funded conservation and environmental advisors that incorporate soil function and protection techniques	<p>started 1 April 2006.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>24 new CSF Officers have been recruited to join four existing staff from the multi-agency CSF project and three from the EA. Most will be in post end-May. Seven further officers still to be recruited.</li> </ul>	<b>G</b>
10	Defra will work with stakeholders to develop a programme of education and awareness of soil issues	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Project piloting Soil-Net in Hampshire schools is progressing well, with a positive and enthusiastic response received from teachers. This project is due to report end-June 2006. A number of additions to the Soil-Net site are being and will continue to be made following this.</li> <li>DfES funding of Standards Unit has come to an end, therefore production of <i>Soil Works</i> materials has transferred to the Quality Improvements Agency. Materials have been finalised and are currently being manufactured; packs will be sent to all institutes within the post compulsory education sector (including educational establishments, prison services, work-based learners and job centre plus) in September 2006.</li> </ul>	<b>G</b>
33	Defra will work with the farming industry to examine current and/or novel means of encouraging voluntary change in soil management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>We continue to work with Defra's Nutrient Management Unit on this matter as they are seeking voluntary changes in relation to nutrient management. An industry (AIC, NFU, LEAF, RSPB, CLA) outline plan for a voluntary initiative for nutrient management was presented in February 2006. This is set within a timeframe of the next 2-3years and envisages the development of existing tools/systems rather than creating new structures. Soil management is part of this consideration and wider engagement is expected to develop this plan.</li> </ul>	<b>G</b>

### Soils in the built environment/planning (BUI)

4	Defra will engage with DTI and other professional bodies to raise standards of sustainable construction practices, and disseminate knowledge throughout the development and construction sectors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Programme of work for soils in the built environment and an accompanying Regulatory Impact Assessment have been approved by Ministers.</li><li>• Research on compaction on construction sites has been completed.</li><li>• Work on a code of good soil management on construction sites is due to commence shortly with a steering group.</li><li>• <i>Proposals for introducing a Code of Sustainable Homes</i> was published as a consultation document in December 2005, running until March 2006. The most definite link to soils is in the requirement for all construction sites to produce a Site Waste Management Plan, which will include how soils are managed</li><li>• A topsoil standards working group has been established, with the first meeting held at the end of March 2006. There was a consensus view that BS3882 (British Standard for Topsoil) requires revision, particularly its scope, presentation and definition of the three grades of topsoil. Members of the group will present the need for updating the standard at the next British Standards Institute committee meeting on Topsoil and Other Growing Media in May and we will take forward revision of the standard from there.</li></ul>	G
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14	Defra will consider with ODPM and Local Government organisations how to increase understanding of soil issues throughout the Regional and Local Government structure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We met with ODPM to seek a way forward with our proposed guidance to support planning officers in interpreting soil planning requirements. RDS had recently produced some amended soils guidance for the Royal Town Planning Institute, which we felt could form the basis of a useful toolkit for planners. We continue to work with ODPM on this.</li> <li>• Following a meeting with the LGA we will be contributing a soils page to their new website, acting as a facility for local government on environmental issues.</li> <li>• We have recently contributed to a number of Regional Spatial Strategies, namely NE, WM and SE.</li> <li>• We have arranged a workshop for Government Office colleagues, to update them on latest soils policy developments and to help them better understand how soils can be accounted for in the planning process.</li> </ul>	<b>G</b>
15	Defra will work with ODPM to clarify the use of existing mechanisms, including the Building Regulations, to ensure proper consideration of soil implications during the planning and development process	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This action is being taken forward in conjunction with Action 14. See Action 14 for progress.</li> </ul>	<b>G</b>
16	Defra will work with ODPM to ensure that soil issues are taken into account, where appropriate, in the creation and implementation of plans at both the regional and local level under the proposed new planning system	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This action is being taken forward in conjunction with Action 14. See Action 14 for progress.</li> </ul>	<b>G</b>
47	Defra will promote with industry better understanding of the potential benefits to sustainable construction through specific tests and British Standards for soil use	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This action is being taken forward in conjunction with Action 4. See Action 4 for progress.</li> </ul>	<b>G</b>

49	Defra will examine the practicality of introducing and monitoring a programme to integrate minerals and waste policies which will increase the recycling of materials for re-use or for restoration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>We are involved with the Composting Standards working group, which is in part seeking to define a “market” for compost, that will not damage the environment or human health.</li> <li>We are working with colleagues in Defra’s Waste Management and Waste Strategy Divisions, as well as the Devolved Administrations, Environment Agency and WRAP to develop an agreed technical standard for the recycling of organic materials to land, based on PAS100 criteria. We expect the work to report in June 2006.</li> </ul>	<b>A</b>
50	Defra will consult the Environment Agency and local planning authorities to improve monitoring of use of soils in relation to built development, compliance with soil protection conditions of planning permissions, and for reducing off-site impacts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This action is being taken forward in conjunction with Actions 4 and 14. See these actions for progress.</li> </ul>	<b>G</b>

### Evidence and access to information (EVI)

11	Defra will work with stakeholders to identify indicators which should be built into a national soil monitoring scheme, aiming to develop a scheme meeting national and European requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>UK Soil Indicators Consortium: indicator robustness testing is now complete and various reports are available via the Defra website. Invitations to tender for project to evaluate other environmental monitoring schemes for their coverage of soil indicators or contextual information (expected to start July 2006) sent out.</li> <li>Research being undertaken by Centre for Ecology and Hydrology on biological indicators (SQID1) is now complete. The second phase, field testing the top thirteen indicators over the next 3 years, has started.</li> <li>The first phase of the project reviewing the potential to use remote sensing to monitor soil sealing has been successfully completed and the funders (Defra and BNSC) have given the</li> </ul>	<b>G</b>
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		<p>go ahead for phase 2.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>See Action 44 for current position with development of heritage indicators.</li> </ul>	
13	Defra will work with other Government Departments and Agencies (including the Devolved Administrations), and other soil data users, to develop and provide better access to information on soils	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Government soils information project has reported, including a tool to determine who holds what soils information across UK Government. This tool will be disseminated to all relevant stakeholders.</li> <li>Following the above project we are developing a strategy to improve access to soils information across Government.</li> <li>RDS and NSRI are discussing LandIS data access for Natural England.</li> </ul>	A
17	Defra and the Environment Agency will commission work to assess routes of contamination by heavy metals and persistent organic compounds to soils, and to examine the feasibility of new criteria to protect the long term functioning of soils	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This action is being tackled together with Actions 25 and 28.</li> <li>Final report for the ADAS led project on sources and impacts of past, current and future contamination of soil has been delayed and should be approved by early-June 2006.</li> </ul>	A
18	Defra will work with partners to examine results from the inventory of metal inputs to soils, to ensure that necessary controls are in place to retain the long term functioning of soils	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Progress has not yet been made on this action as it follows on from Action 17.</li> </ul>	
25	Defra and the Environment Agency will review and evaluate the impacts of contaminants mobilised and transported by floodwaters, on diffuse pollution of soils	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This action is being tackled together with Actions 17 and 28. See Action 17 for detail.</li> </ul>	A
28	Defra will work with partners to examine current data sources of the burden on soil resource from diffuse sources; and assess the implications of the results for	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This action is being tackled together with Actions 17 and 25. See Action 17 for detail.</li> </ul>	A

	policy and research		
31	Following on from Action 30, Defra and partners will undertake further research (including development of tools to manage the risks to soils from climate change)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Soil carbon policy workshop is being held in early May to discuss the implications of soil carbon dynamics and the influence of climate change for policy development. Plans for further R&amp;D on the impacts of climate change on soils will be considered in line with the outcomes of the workshop.</li> </ul>	A
34	Defra will work with partners to fund further research on the relationships between farm soil management practice, physical characteristics, functions of soils and subsequent impacts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There is ongoing research in this area, for example, projects are being undertaken on sludge to land; impact of organic carbon returns to soil quality; and documenting soil erosion rates. Details of all Defra-funded projects can be found at: <a href="http://www2.defra.gov.uk/research/project_data/default.asp">http://www2.defra.gov.uk/research/project_data/default.asp</a>.</li> <li>• Defra's Waste Research team are undertaking research into the application of biowaste to land.</li> </ul>	A
38	Defra will research the capacity of different soils to attenuate substances in relation to the protection of groundwater	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Considerable research has been undertaken in this area; we are considering with the EA what further work is required and, if necessary, who should lead on this.</li> </ul>	A
39	Defra will work with the Environment Agency and other partners to continue to examine a range of policy options for the control of sediment and soil-bound nutrient losses to water	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We continue to input to the CSF programme and are pleased with the emphasis placed on good soil management.</li> <li>• We are planning a project to compliment CSF, seeking to establish whether or not management practices can be encouraged that could lead to a sustainable increase in, or reduced loss of, soil organic matter. Whilst the project will seek to add value to the CSF Programme, it will be independent of this work, focussing on carbon loss and organic matter build up, rather than the specific concerns addressed under the CSF Programme.</li> </ul>	G

40	Defra and partners will review and synthesise the published material on links between biodiversity, pollution, contamination and land management, to identify an initial list of biological and biochemical indicators of functional diversity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This action is being covered by Action 11. Once further progress has been made on developing a set of national soil indicators, we will be in a position to determine an initial list of biological and biochemical indicators.</li> </ul>	A
48	Defra will continue to support the development of recycling and composting to provide alternative growing material and soil conditioners to peat	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Progress on this action is covered by Action 21. See Action 21 for detail.</li> </ul>	A

### Biodiversity and cultural heritage (HER)

41	Defra will consider with English Nature and other partners the benefits which might arise from the establishment of a national series of benchmark sites for soil biodiversity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A research project was planned to tackle this action, but EN and Defra have agreed to hold this project pending results of the wider research on site monitoring network proposals. EN is supporting phase 3 of Scottish Natural Heritage's project on soil conservation values which also supports this objective.</li> </ul>	G
43	English Nature will publish guidance on the use of soil information in the restoration of wildlife and wildlife habitats	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Project has been completed and the main report will be published in the next 3 months. Following this a glossy overview leaflet will be produced.</li> </ul>	G
44	English Heritage will monitor the state of the landscape and historic environment and, where needed, develop new indicators	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Contract for this work has been let to Stirling University. A work plan is in the course of being agreed, with the draft report expected by September 2006.</li> </ul>	A
45	English Heritage will research into the threats and mechanisms of loss and degradation of soils supporting historic landscapes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A revised draft of the EH Research strategy for the preservation of archaeology <i>in situ</i> is in preparation, and will be considered by the EH Research Board this summer.</li> </ul>	G
46	English Heritage will improve understanding of soils and the historic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Plans for research in this area are under active discussion following the appointment of a new Head of Social and</li> </ul>	

	landscape through research on the importance of the landscape and historic environment to the economy, and to quality of life	Economic Research.	<b>G</b>
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### Completed actions

3	Defra will develop a strategy for providing farmers and other land managers with practical information and advice for building good soil management into overall farm planning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Significant progress has been made in developing practical advice/guidance. We will maintain regular communication with others in Defra to ensure that future advice considers soil.</li> </ul>	<b>Complete</b>
7	Defra will work during the Spending Review 2004 process to embed soil protection into it's forward strategies and, if appropriate, targets on natural resource protection	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>We expect a similar level of financial resource to what we currently have for 2006-2007.</li> <li>Bids for an increase in financial resource will be made in the next rounds of business planning to ensure we have the resource required to better protect soils.</li> </ul>	<b>Complete</b>
12	Defra will review its soil research programme in light of the recently completed UK Soils Research Audit, and issues identified in this plan, to ensure that resources are focussed on the most urgent questions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Revised ROAME statements for the Soil Protection assessment units have been completed, with priorities for 2005-08 established.</li> <li>Approved research objectives are available on the Defra website.</li> </ul>	<b>Complete</b>
20	Defra will seek to negotiate the proposed revisions to the Sewage Sludge Directive to ensure that controls on the application of sludge to land recognise potential benefits, while ensuring that sludge does not impair the long term functioning of soils	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Previous reports have suggested that the Sewage Sludge Directive would be revised following adoption of the Soil Thematic Strategy. However, such reports have since disappeared.</li> <li>We will review progress (with Water Quality Division) during 2006, but consider no further action on our behalf in completing this action.</li> <li>Revisions are being made to the UK sludge regulations. Water Quality Division are seeking clearance from the Cabinet Office</li> </ul>	<b>Complete</b>

		Better Regulation Executive, before seeking approval from the Energy and the Environment (EE) and Regulation, Bureaucracy and Risk (RB) Committees to issue the second consultation paper.	
22	Defra, the Environment Agency and partners will work to deliver changes to Waste Management Licensing Regulations to ensure that applications of licensed and exempt wastes does not impair long-term soils functions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Draft changes to the Waste Management Licensing Regulations were submitted to Ministers in October 2004.</li> <li>• These have been approved and are due to come into force on 1 July 2005.</li> <li>• Defra's Waste Management Division re-consulted on the requirement to source-segregate wastes prior to their mechanical and biological treatment to produce compost-like outputs, as required by the 1 July 2005 Amendment to the Waste Licensing Regulations. Consultation closed 2 May 2006.</li> </ul>	<b>Complete</b>
23	Defra will work with partners to ensure the effective enforcement of regulations on permissible metal concentrations in animal feeds	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A paper has been produced, in consultation with the Food Standards Agency, explaining developments in this area, changes to permissible levels and how enforcement is regulated.</li> <li>• We will retain contact with the FSA to chart progress, including how permissible levels of undesirable substances change in the future and noting compliance with the regulations on an annual basis.</li> </ul>	<b>Complete</b>
27	Defra, the Environment Agency and partners will seek to explore the need for technical material to assist in considering the impact on and benefits to soil functional capacity from remediation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Report on the impacts on soil functions of different remedial techniques, and the impacts of current regulations on these, has been discussed with EA colleagues. Dissemination route has been identified via the EA once report is finalised.</li> </ul>	<b>Complete</b>
30	UKCIP and Defra will establish a scoping study of the impacts of climate change on soil types in England	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Project was let to NSRI and reported at the end-2005.</li> </ul>	<b>Complete</b>
35	With the Forestry Commission, Defra will examine the scope for inclusion of soil	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We have input to developments of the England Forestry Strategy, which will be out for consultation soon. We are</li> </ul>	

	issues in the England Woodland Grant Scheme	<p>content with the soils coverage included.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>We will continue to work with the Forest Policy Unit in developing and implementing this strategy.</li> </ul>	<b>Complete</b>
37	Defra will complete research, and take account of results, to provide further understanding of the role that land and soil management might play in flood management at water catchment level	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>First Government response to 'Making space for water' consultation exercise was published in March 2005. Within this it states that priority research will be undertaken into the role rural land management techniques might play in managing flood risk at catchment level. Pilots will also be funded to test different approaches to integrated management. These pilots will look at upstream catchments where appropriate and may include encouraging rural land management changes.</li> </ul>	<b>Complete</b>
42	English Nature will prepare a position statement on the role of soil management and protection within statutory nature conservation sites	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>English Nature's Council discussed a paper on soils and nature conservation at its June 2005 meeting. Copies of the paper are available at: <a href="http://www.englishnature.org.uk/about/meetings/GCP0521.pdf">http://www.englishnature.org.uk/about/meetings/GCP0521.pdf</a>.</li> <li>Minutes of this meeting are also available (see above website) detailing Council discussion and approval of the paper. EN is no longer publishing formal position statements because of the impending change to Natural England, so it has been agreed with Defra that these papers act as EN's position and complete this action.</li> </ul>	<b>Complete</b>
51	Defra will continue to work closely with ODPM, minerals planning authorities, and the industry, to promote and develop practical guidance on minerals site restorations and aftercare	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>RDS guidance on site restoration has been sent to mineral planning authorities and is also available on the Defra website.</li> </ul>	<b>Complete</b>