

Nene catchment issues

- Development and growth – 125,000 new homes over 20 years
- Mineral extraction – historic & current
- Agriculture – land management issues
- Ecosystem services – possible Nature Improvement Area, Special Protection Area
- Northampton Enterprise Zone – focus on regenerating urban River Nene area



River Ise restoration at Tailby Meadow LNR from the Revital-Ise project

Objectives of the pilot

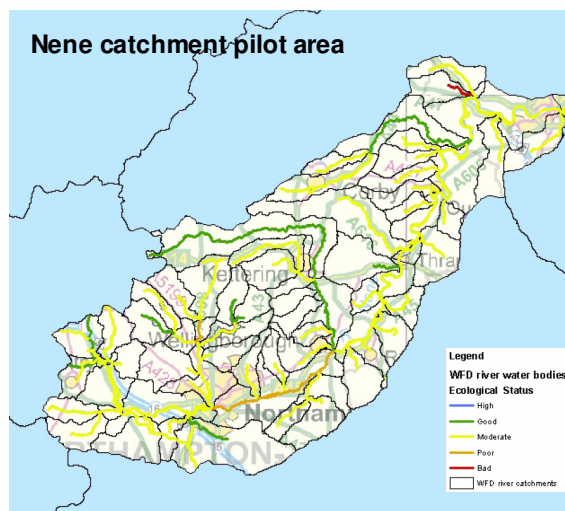
Fully engage with stakeholders to develop a robust partnership approach to deliver WFD objectives; ensure that all issues in the catchment are fully investigated and integrated to produce an achievable programme which will identify projects and appropriate delivery partners through a robust evidence base.



RIVER NENE REGIONAL PARK
INSPIRED SPACES

Nene Catchment Pilot Northamptonshire and Peterborough

The Nene rises from three sources in Northamptonshire, becoming tidal past Peterborough; with the pilot area covering 1711km². The main river sits in the major floodplain, with the tributaries considered to be in the minor floodplain. The landscape is predominantly agriculture, comprised of mixed farming, with the two major settlements being the town of Northampton in the upper Nene, and the city of Peterborough in the middle Nene. The Rockingham Forest area forms a significant part of the north of the catchment.



Focus of the pilot and progress

- To engage partners, communities and other stakeholders in developing an integrated approach to protect and enhance the river catchment.
- Initial scoping and key stakeholder engagement; full utilisation of RNRP stakeholders and Board (and others) has been a key requirement. Now establishing interactive project web page with stakeholder workshops planned

Challenges

Synthesising diverse range of policies and strategies to deliver catchment initiatives; and proactive engagement from wider community.

Case Study: Catchment Sensitive Farming



Species rich grassland creation in Nene floodplain. Since 2009 the Nene Catchment Partnership has been working with landowners to reduce diffuse pollution from agriculture.

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