

NAP Stakeholder Forum - 27 July 2026

A practical, evidence-led plan to improve water quality while supporting sustainable food production.

- Clean water benefits communities, ecosystems and agriculture.
- Water quality is a shared responsibility.
- Nutrient management supports both productivity and environmental outcomes.
- The proposed NAP is practical, targeted and developed through collaboration.
- Transparency, accountability and evidence will guide implementation.



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Developed Through Collaboration and Evidence

Collaborative, Fair and Evidence-Based

One of the most comprehensive reviews of the NAP since 2007.

- Around 70 stakeholders and subject experts involved.
- 60 meetings held over nine months.
- Included stakeholder, science, technical and economic working groups.
- Supported by extensive scientific and technical evidence.
- 5 scientific papers and 14 technical papers produced.

Outcome: A co-designed plan aimed at delivering real-world environmental improvements while facilitating sustainable productivity.



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The Consultation

Consultation Process and Stakeholder Engagement

The consultation is an opportunity to test proposals and gather feedback before decisions are made.

- Everyone is encouraged to review proposals and submit views.
- The consultation period allows time for detailed consideration.
- No outcome has been predetermined.
- All evidence and responses will be considered by the Minister before final decisions are taken.



Public Information Events

How to Learn More and Engage

Information events will help stakeholders understand the proposals and ask questions.

In-person drop-in events (4pm to 8pm):

- 4 August: Craigavon Civic Centre
- 5 August: Dunsilly Hotel, Antrim

Online event:

- 6 August, 6pm to 7pm (Teams)

Events will include: DAERA officials, CAFRE advisers, AFBI scientists and Representatives from farming, processing & environmental sectors



Consultation Deadline and Responses

Next Steps

Consultation closes: 7 September 2026 at 11:59pm

Ways to respond:

- Online consultation portal
- Email: nutrientsactionprogramme@daera-ni.gov.uk
- Postal response to the NAP Review Team

Your feedback will help inform final policy decisions.



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What Happens Next? From Consultation to Implementation

Autumn 2026

- Analysis of consultation responses
- Technical assessment and policy recommendations
- Minister reviews findings
- Final measures agreed

Late 2026 / Early 2027

- Regulations prepared and scrutinised

Early 2027

- Subject to approvals, NAP 2027-2030 published with supporting guidance

Implementation timelines will depend on consultation outcomes, Ministerial decisions and completion of the legislative process.

