

Dear Sirs

I write to express BHS support for the revised Code of Good Agricultural Practice to Protect Water, Soil and air Quality. The expertise of our society's members is of course in hydrological matters but, given the fundamental premise that water quality is intimately tied to land use, it has been most instructive to see the issues and advocated protective measures presented from farmer/land owner standpoints.

In particular, we applaud the 'up-front' statement on page 131 at the start of Section 8 where it is stated that the amount of water available for domestic, industrial and horticultural use, and to support the needs of the environment, is limited. This is a sentiment we should like to see brought home in as many government publications as possible, for we fear it is not a generally accepted fact.

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