

CONSULTATION SCHEDULE – 27 FEBRUARY 2018

1	RECEIVED FROM	TITLE	SUBMISSION BY
	Department for Environment Food and Rural Affairs (DEFRA)	DEFRA Pest Risk Assessment <i>Phenacoccus Fraxinus</i> (Ash Mealybug) – For Comment	Thursday 29 March 2018
	<p>The UK Plant Health Service is seeking Elected Member views and comments on a new Defra Pest Risk Analysis (PRA) for <i>Phenacoccus fraxinus</i> (Ash mealybug) this has been published for review on the DEFRA plant health portal at: https://planthealthportal.defra.gov.uk/pests-and-diseases/pest-risk-analyses/.</p> <p>An overview of the pest including the crop/sector considered most at risk in the UK, the UK Plant Health Risk Group recommendation and the PRA document is provided on the portal via the link provided above. DEFRA would welcome views and comments on the PRA. In submitting any comments Members may wish to focus on the summary, key uncertainties and conclusion sections of the risk assessment and to consider the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Are any factual corrections required?</i> • <i>Your view on the appropriateness of the current recommendation(s)?</i> • <i>Can you provide any additional information (or links to other sources of information) that may help address uncertainty identified in the assessment/management measures?</i> • <i>Are there any risks that have not been adequately considered?</i> 		

2	RECEIVED FROM	TITLE	SUBMISSION BY
	Boundary Commission for Northern Ireland	2018 Review of Parliamentary Constituencies – Publication of Boundary Commission for Northern Ireland’s Revised Proposals	Monday 26 March 2018
<p>Revised Proposals for new Parliamentary constituencies in Northern Ireland were published on 30 January 2018 for consultation.</p> <p>The proposals follow a review by the Boundary Commission for Northern Ireland which began on 24 February 2016. As a result of the Parliamentary Voting System and Constituencies Act 2011 (as amended), the number of constituencies in Northern Ireland has reduced from 18 to 17 and this has required a redrawing of the existing constituency boundaries.</p> <p>The publication of the Commission’s revised proposals triggers an 8-week public consultation period. Full details of the consultation including the Revised Proposals Report and the accompanying map can be accessed on the consultation portal – www.bcni2018.uk and on the website - www.boundarycommission.org.uk.</p> <p>Hard copies of the Report and map have been placed on display at each of the 11 district councils, all public libraries, Area Electoral Offices and the office of the Electoral Commission.</p> <p>Written representations in respect of the proposals may be made from until Monday 26 March 2018.</p>			
3	RECEIVED FROM	TITLE	SUBMISSION BY
	Department for Business, energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS) and Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs (DAERA)	Working with Communities: Implementing Geological Disposal	Thursday 19 April 2018
<p>The Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS) and the Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs (DAERA) jointly launched a consultation on 25 January 2018, entitled <i>Working with Communities: Implementing Geological Disposal</i>. The purpose of this consultation, led by BEIS, is to seek views on the proposed process for engaging with communities who may be interested in hosting a permanent geological disposal facility (GDF) for existing high activity radioactive waste and waste from new nuclear power stations.</p>			

It is **NOT** a consultation on whether or not there should be a GDF in Northern Ireland.

The proposals build on commitments set out in the 2014 White Paper entitled *Implementing Geological Disposal*. BEIS and DAERA remain committed to an approach based on the willingness of communities to participate. The consultation proposals outline how communities may be represented, how investment funding could be provided to communities that participate in the siting process, how a right of withdrawal could operate throughout the process and how a test of public support could be carried out before construction and operation of a geological disposal facility.

Specific questions for respondents to consider are included throughout the document, and are listed together in Chapter 6.

Once this consultation has closed, the UK Government will consider and publish a summary of the consultation responses on the [GOV.UK website](http://www.gov.uk). A policy paper will then be laid in Parliament. The delivery body, Radioactive Waste Management, will produce more detailed guidance on how the siting process will work in practice.

A copy of the consultation document may be downloaded from the following webpage:
<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/working-with-communities-implementing-geological-disposal>
 The consultation will close on 19th April 2018.

4	RECEIVED FROM	TITLE	SUBMISSION BY
	Southern Health and Social Care Trust	Proposal for the Future of Community Equipment	Monday 30 April 2018 at 5pm

The Southern Health and Social Care Trust has launched a consultation on a proposed new home delivery service for people who use simple aids to daily living.

Simple aids for everyday living include small aids and appliances that help people with restricted mobility – such as a rail by the bed or bath, a raised toilet seat or commode. The Trust’s proposed new home delivery model applies to single use small aids and appliances.

	<p>The Trust considers that with an increasing older population, it is essential that we adapt and continually improve the way we deliver our services, ensuring that we remain responsive to our clients, whilst at the same time making the best of our financial resources.</p> <p>The consultation document can be found on the Trust's website at:</p> <p>http://www.southerntrust.hscni.net/consultations.htm</p>		
5	RECEIVED FROM	TITLE	SUBMISSION BY
	Health and Safety Executive for Northern Ireland	Proposals to Implement the Fourth List of Indicative Occupational Exposure Limit Values (Commission Directive (EU) 2017/164)	Friday 11 May 2018
	<p>The Health and Safety Executive for Northern Ireland has prepared a Consultative Document containing proposals for the implementation of Commission Directive (EU) 2017/164 which introduces the 4th list of Indicative Occupational Exposure Limit Values (IOELVs). The consultation document has been published on the Executives website at:</p> <p>www.hseni.gov.uk/4thioelv</p> <p>The consultative document sets out the Executive's proposals for establishing Workplace Exposure Limits (WELs) for the substances listed in the Directive in order to implement it in Northern Ireland. WELs are set up to help employers meet their legal responsibilities under the Control of Substances Hazardous to Health regulations (Northern Ireland) 2003 (S.R. 2002 No. 34) (as amended) which require employers to prevent, or if this is not reasonably practicable, to adequately control their employees' exposure to hazardous substances.</p> <p>IOELVs are European legal limits that are set out to protect workers in the European Union from the ill-effects of hazardous substances in the workplace. Their legal status derives from Council Directive 98/24/EC on the protection of the health and safety of workers from the risks related to chemical agents at work (the Chemical Agents Directive). The Executive proposes to implement the 4th list of IOELVs by approving an amendment to the legally binding Great Britain Health and Safety Executive publication EH40/2005 Workplace Exposure limits. This document is available on the Executives website (https://www.hseni.gov.uk/publications/eh402005-workplace-exposure-limits).</p>		

Current Open Consultations

- Department for Communities - Changes to the Affordable Warmth Scheme, submission by 16 February 2018
- Department of Health – Promoting Human Organ Donation and Transplantation in Northern Ireland, submission by 5 March 2018