

# NUTRIENT NEUTRALITY CONSULTANCY SERVICE

This service is for farmers who are interested in opportunities to use their land or farm to provide nutrient offsetting, which can be used by developers to deliver against nutrient neutrality requirements, in return for financial reward.

Nutrient neutrality has recently become mandatory in some catchments in the North of England where protected environments are being damaged by nutrient pollution, including catchments for the River Tees, River Eden and Lindisfarne.

Nutrient offsetting could be delivered by land use or management changes that reduce the nutrients entering a watercourse, for instance wetland creation or woodland planting.

## SUMMARY OF SERVICE

If you are successfully referred to the Nutrient Offsetting service, this is offered as a one half day consultancy session.

## HALF DAY

If you have a particular site or project that you think may be suitable for providing nutrient offsetting, or if you have been approached by a developer or broker who is interested in an area of land for nutrient offsetting, this half day service will include:

- A meeting or video call to discuss your potential nutrient offsetting project and understand how it sits within your wider farm business and/or land management.
- A consultant will talk you through the advantages, disadvantages, risks and benefits.
- After the meeting you will receive a report summarising the discussion and recommended next steps.

## ADDITIONAL SERVICES

The following services are not covered by the FBAS scheme, but can be provided on a time charge basis:

- Advice for landowners or developers on how to meet the nutrient neutrality requirements for a planned development.
- Review of potential nutrient neutrality mitigation measures and completion of a full mitigation strategy for the site.
- Negotiating the commercial terms of any transaction with a developer and agreeing suitable heads of terms.
- Applying for the necessary consents or permissions needed for a proposed project.

Any additional work will be agreed with you prior to any work being undertaken.