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Dear Mr Rochester

**Consultation on the revised Code of Good Agricultural Practice to protect water, soil and air quality**

The British Crop Production Council welcomes this initiative and this consultation.

***Question 1:** Do you agree with the consolidation of the Air, Soil and Water Codes into one overarching Code? Has anything been lost by this consolidation?*

BCPC supports the move to consolidate the separate Air, Soil and Water Codes into one integrated Code of Good Agricultural Practice. We are not aware of anything that has been lost in this consolidation. On the contrary, the consolidation will, of itself, bring benefits.

***Question 2:** Do you agree that the layout of integrated advice – i.e. by farming activity rather than by resource (air, soil and water) – is more helpful to land managers?*

We agree that the arrangement of the integrated advice by farming activity is the more helpful approach as it relates directly to the variety of activities undertaken by land managers.

***Question 3:** You are also invited to comment on the detail of the attached version of the Code.*

BCPC does not wish to offer any comment on the detail of the current version of the Code. We would, however, strongly recommend that at an appropriate interval after the integrated Code has been introduced, a survey of users should be undertaken to determine whether the structure, layout, content and style do indeed meet the objective of providing a practical guide that can be used by farmers and other land managers.

Yours sincerely

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