

Come along, enjoy a bacon buttie, and influence the way we manage water abstraction in the future.

Defra's Abstraction Plan sets out how the government will reform water abstraction management over the coming years and how this will protect the environment and improve access to water. We want to engage with abstractors, local landowners and farmers in the South Forty Foot Catchment to identify and implement local solutions to existing pressures and to prepare for the future.

Darren Smith from The Environment Agency is keen to, '**ask the people who farm the land**' about your ideas and opinions. He says, "it is vital that any thinking is ground-truthed by people who are close to the environment and who understand how it works".

During the event Henry Cator, Chair of Water Resources East, will explain how the local thinking fits in with wider strategic ambitions and the vital link with the agri-food economy. There will also be an opportunity to understand the links with the South Lincolnshire Water Partnership, local IDBs, Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust, Greater Lincolnshire LEP and others.

This event is open to all but it is particularly suited to landowners and farmers in the South Forty Foot catchment area. Other events in the area in the near future will explore how we can be confident about how much water is in the catchment and how much water the environment needs.

This event is kindly hosted by The Doubleday Group, Swineshead.

Booking not essential but helpful to keep track of numbers via. www.eventbrite.co.uk
(‘Ask the people who farm the land’, Swineshead)