NOTE OF THE ROUND TABLE SUB-GROUP MEETING ON ACCESS AGREEMENTS
MONDAY 21 MAY 2010

Attendees:
Gethyn Thomas  FERAC
Stephen Marsh-Smith  Wye and Usk Foundation
Andy Schofield  Environment Agency
Matt Strickland  Environment Agency
Dave Liddy  FCW
Jont Bulbeck  CCW
John Watkins  WAG
Catrin Dellar  WAG

Apologies:
Gerry Quarrell  WAG

Matt S. provided a run through of the draft Water Access Framework based on the rivers agreed at the initial meeting of the group. The group then discussed the details of each river and whether it would be of benefit to take forward the facilitation of access agreements. Significantly the following was agreed:

- that the Wye would be taken off the list of rivers and reservoirs would need to be added along with canals – though access on the latter is based on the paying of fees (of one sort or another); and

- Taff – that a study of was already taking place of the river below the weir.

Jont B. agreed to look at CCW’s capacity for facilitating work on access agreements.

John and Catrin agreed to look into improving communications with Dwr Cymru. Examples were given of best practice in relation to water companies and access agreements – including, the South West Lakes Trust.