



**SAGTA Workshop**  
**Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2017**  
***Brexit and our Environmental Regimes***  
***Going Forward – Industry Perspectives***  
**NHBC Milton Keynes**

**Objectives for the day**

Given the scale of the linkages with Europe in forging so much of our current environmental legislation and regulation, the process of Brexit potentially offers something of open season for consideration of the upsides and downsides of the framework with which business has operated over so many years.

“*Business as usual*” has basically been the present call on such matters. What can be expected, however, will be the calls from government for industry to offer its position on options going forward. In this respect, on the basis that Brussels being no longer a component of the UK / English / Brussels framework that has formulated regulation for so long, SAGTA believes there is benefit to be gained in a taking a SWOT approach to current regimes in order to consider:

- What aspects are viewed as good?
- What aspects are viewed as bad?
- What is perceived as being necessary to retain to enable industry going forward to be in compliance with international business requirements

With a membership of responsible and experienced organisations from a wide range of industry sectors, SAGTA believes it should be able to reflect the position of many others from industry. This includes, where relevant, that often replacing a climate of certainty within which industry conducts its operations with added uncertainty in such matters could be a backward business step.

SAGTA believes there is a timely opportunity to convene a workshop amongst interest groups to consider such perspectives. SAGTA’s intention, therefore, is to provide the day as an initial vehicle that brings industry interest groups together to:

- Reflect on our current legislative and regulatory provisions borne out of the history of English / UK / Brussels interactions
- Define key aspects that may be expected to disappear as a result



- Thereby facilitate a collective perspective of what post-Brexit environmental legislation and regulation should:
  - Retain and why?
  - Modify and why?
  - Repeal and why?

SAGTA regards the provision of industry perspectives as an essential feature in helping to create policy and practice that promotes sustainable land and groundwater management and development.

We look forward to this opportunity to facilitate a valuable day in the open environment of discussion that SAGTA has always championed.