



Damian Hinds
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Damian Hinds Welcomes Suspension of Registration Programme for Septic Tanks

The Department for the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs has confirmed it is suspending its programme of registration for domestic septic tanks and private sewer systems, pending a review of the scheme. The suspension followed pressure from local MP Damian Hinds who wrote to the Department for the Environment and Rural Affairs urgently asking the Minister to re-examine the details of the programme.

Damian's intervention followed a number of local residents contacting the MP's office.

It had been reported that rural homeowners who failed to register their septic tank by the end of this year could face fines of up to thousands of pounds.

Damian Hinds said

"This is obviously a very positive outcome. I know from correspondence with the Minister that this scheme was not considered coherent by the Coalition Government and I welcome this decisive step.

"If this scheme had been left to run on its timetable, there would have been many households in rural communities who could have fallen liable to potentially large fines without ever having been made aware of their new obligations.

"There was only ever very limited publicity and I do not see how everyone affected could be reasonably expected to be aware of their obligations."

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