



Offshore consenting today and tomorrow: environmental policies

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- Land;
- Flora and fauna;
- Freshwater and marine environments;
- Geology and soils



Our purpose:

to ensure that the natural environment is conserved, enhanced and managed for the benefit of present and future generations

Our policy priorities: marine renewable energy



- **Increased deployment of renewable energy technologies can make a valuable contribution to climate change mitigation and energy security**
- **The desirability of their uptake should not underplay the importance of the protection of the natural environment**
- **We need space for nature and space for industry: there are opportunities for co-location**



- **It is wholly possible to integrate the deployment of renewable energy with effective protection of the natural environment**
- **Environmental legislation is a publicly and ecologically desirable safeguard**
- **We advocate a risk management approach and have many examples of where this works for industry and environmental protection**



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