

## Wider Environmental Impacts

### Policy proposal

Consider the following main environmental impacts:

1. Will the policy option be vulnerable to the predicted effects of climate change?
2. Will the policy option lead to a change in the financial costs or the environmental and health impacts of waste management?
3. Will the policy option impact significantly on air quality?
4. Will the policy option involve any material change to the appearance of the landscape or townscape?
5. Will the proposal change 1) the degree of water pollution, 2) levels of abstraction of water or 3) exposure to flood risk?
6. Will the policy option change 1) the amount or variety of living species, 2) the amount, variety or quality of ecosystems?
7. Will the policy option affect the number of people exposed to noise or the levels to which they're exposed?

Will the policy option have any significant environmental impacts?

No

Yes

Qualitative assessment: consider range and nature of impacts. Are there multiple environmental impacts?

Yes

Conduct more detailed exploration of wider environmental impacts using Ecosystem Services Framework

No

Monetise the significant environmental impacts/ecosystem services where possible, using Defra guidance on Valuation Tools and Value Transfer.

Consider undertaking primary valuation if proportionate and appropriate.

Update Wider Environmental Impacts and evidence base in IA template, monetising the costs and benefits where appropriate and feasible. Ensure where it is not possible to monetise that impacts are quantified or a qualitative assessment is provided.