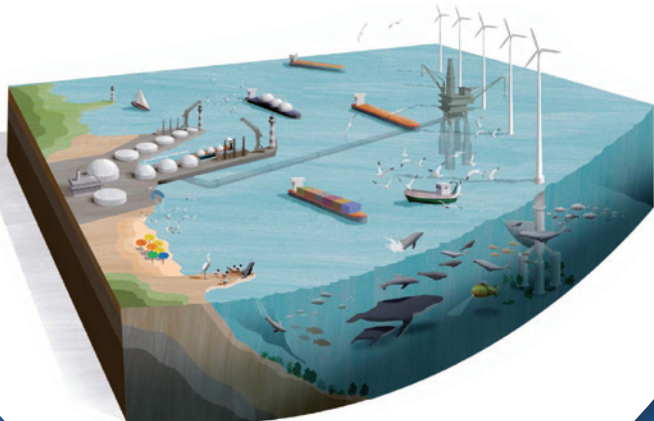




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# How will marine plans integrate with land-use plans?

## Did you know?

The MMO will always consider the benefits of economic investment alongside the need to conserve and protect marine species and habitats.

Many marine developments will have an impact on land, and that's why it's so important we take land-use plans into account. Wind turbines, for example, will require cabling to the shore, and converter stations on land. New marine works can create new job opportunities for the area, and can also open up opportunities for new ventures, such as tourism directly linked to wind farm developments.

An important part of our marine plan-making process is to engage with all local planning authorities who have a stake in the marine area, and we are committed to fulfilling our 'duty to co-operate', in line with the National Planning Policy Framework.

This includes taking into account land-use plans to ensure that their aims are fully considered during marine plan-making, and that the opportunities for land-based developments and coastal communities presented by marine plans are identified and taken advantage of.

We are already engaged with the Local Government Association Coastal Special Interest Group, meeting and discussing with councillors

and officers the implications of marine planning. We have held a number of workshops with local authorities, and included their views on what is – and is not – appropriate for their area. For example, some local planning authorities are keen to encourage job creation through sustainable development, while others will prioritise tourism and environmental issues. These views, and the land-use plans behind them, will continue to inform the development of marine plans.

By planning the long-term use of our seas at a broad scale, marine plans will allow for future marine developments within environmental limits, ensuring protection of designated marine sites, while providing much more certainty for applicants around future uses of the marine area.

## Did you know?

Marine planning focuses on the future management of uses in and around our seas, rather than single applications. Our licensing team deal with individual projects, as marine licensing is equivalent to planning permission on land.