



## Sustainability Appraisal Scoping Report: North East, North West, South East and South West Marine Plans Consultation Feedback (July 2016)

### **We asked:**

As part of developing the marine plans for the South East, South West, North East and North West marine plan area, we are required to consult on the supporting Sustainability Appraisal (SA) Scoping Report.

It has been presented in a different way to previous marine plan SA scoping reports using a database, summary report cards and maps to present the approach for considerations to be scoped in or out of the assessment.

The intention is to use this baseline to inform the evidence baseline for the marine planning process. We asked you if you thought the baseline was appropriate and what else should be included, bearing in mind this was to develop the scoping baseline for the sustainability appraisal, not planning as a whole.

### **You said:**

Responses to the consultation broadly supported the approach taken but highlighted concerns about:

- level of information provided
- level of regional information.

Responses to the consultation also raised various amends for accuracy.

### **We did:**

The MMO working with contractors revised the report, report cards, maps and database in response to these comments. We have:

- clarified concerns about the process for SA in relation to the planning process
- determined what was appropriate to be included for the purpose of this scoping report, for example focusing on the local and regional level of information included
- amended formatting and content of the report, and updated report cards and database to reflect the accuracy and omissions highlighted through the consultation as appropriate

## Stakeholders involved in Sustainability Appraisal Action Group

- Natural England (NE)
- Historic England (HE)
- The Environment Agency (EA)
- Associated British Ports
- Association of Inshore Fisheries and Conservation (IFCA)
- British Marine Aggregate Producers Association (BMAPA)
- Chamber of Shipping
- Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (DEFRA)
- Department of Energy and Climate Change (DECC)
- Devon Coastal Partnership
- Durham Heritage Coast
- Joint Nature Conservation Committee (JNCC)
- National Federation of Fishermen's Organisations (NFFO)
- North-West Coastal Forum
- Wildlife and Countryside Link
- Oil and Gas UK
- Renewables UK
- Royal Yachting Association (RYA)
- Severn Estuaries Partnership
- Tamar Estuaries Consultative Forum
- Thames Estuary Partnership
- The Crown Estate
- Marine Scotland (The Scottish Government)
- Visit England
- Welsh Assembly

## Responses to the consultation were received from

- Coastal fora
- Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs Northern Ireland
- Department of Energy and Climate Change
- Energy companies
- Environment Agency
- Environmental NGOs
- IFCAs
- JNCC
- Local Authorities
- Marine Scotland
- National Park Authorities
- Natural England
- Other companies
- Ports companies
- Scottish Natural Heritage
- Water companies

Contractors: Ramboll Environ