

Research and analysis: North East sustainability appraisal options assessment report

This report is organised in 4 sections:

- Section 1 sets out the purpose of this report and details of the options being assessed for the marine plans;
- Section 2 outlines the methodology of the sustainability appraisal options assessment
- Section 3 summarises the results of the sustainability appraisal options assessment
- Section 4 outlines the next steps in the plan making and sustainability appraisal processes.

News story: LLWR joins fight to combat pollution on our beaches

Volunteers from LLWR and Framework partner GRAHAM Construction played their part in battling pollution on World Environment Day (WED) with a Beach Clean at Drigg, in west Cumbria.

WED, a platform for raising awareness on urgent issues, from marine pollution and global warming to sustainable consumption and wildlife crime, has grown into a worldwide event since its inception in 1974, now spanning over 100 countries.

LLWR has been running a poster campaign on its sites to highlight the blight of plastic pollution, which is the theme of WED this year.

“The most discarded single use plastic items at LLWR are plastic bottles,” said Cath Giel, LLWR’s Head of Public Affairs.

“We are asking our workforce to think about items they use out of habit, and if they really need to use them on a regular basis.

“Are plastic straws and plastic cutlery really necessary, or could they be substituted for alternatives that are kinder to the Earth?

“Takeaway coffee cups have a plastic liner that cannot be recycled cheaply or easily. Then we have the problem of plastic carrier bags that are discarded after one use when reusable bags are a viable alternative.

“LLWR is an organisation that has been highly successful in espousing the recycling message in its core business, low level waste.

“Surely we can all apply the same recycling principles to our own lives.”

Elaine Woodburn, of GRAHAM Construction, who organised the Beach Clean, explained: “We just wanted to get involved to do our own little bit for the planet.”

Notice: Environment Agency: proposals made to revoke four water abstraction licences

The Environment Agency consult the public on certain applications for the abstraction and impoundment of water.

These notices explain:

- what the application is about
- which Environment Agency offices you can visit to see the application documents on the public register
- when you need to comment by

Notice: LN8 2DN, Europa Oil & Gas Limited: environmental permit issued

The Environment Agency publish oil and gas mining waste permits.

This decision includes the permit and decision document for:

- Operator name: Europa Oil & Gas Limited
 - Facility name: West Firsby Well Site
 - Permit number: EPR/ZP3838RH/V002
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News story: NDA's HR Director joins new ECITB Board

The new Board will work under the leadership of Lynda Armstrong OBE, who was appointed as Chair by the Minister for Apprenticeships and Skills, Anne Milton MP in January.

Lynda Armstrong, Chair of the ECITB Board, said:

I am pleased to be joined by such a high-calibre and diverse group of professionals on the ECITB Board. Collectively they represent the wide range of sectors and regions in which the engineering construction industry operates, and include SMEs as well as several excellent independent experts. I am in no doubt that these appointments will serve the ECITB and the industry well over the coming years.

Anne Milton MP, Minister for Apprenticeships and Skills, said:

I am pleased to appoint new Board Members to the ECITB. The industry experience these Board Members bring will be of great value to the engineering construction industry.

David Vineall said:

Ensuring that we have the right skills and capability within engineering and construction roles to deliver the nuclear decommissioning mission is a priority for the NDA. My appointment to the ECITB Board reflects this priority and will give us the opportunity to support the engineering and construction industry in developing the required skilled and talented individuals to support our mission and the nuclear sector.