

# Strategic Environmental Assessment

Consultation Bodies' Services and Standards for Responsible Authorities

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# About the document

- Update of 2004 document
- Sets out Services and Standards you can expect from the Consultation Bodies
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On the web at

[www.ni-environment.gov.uk/sea-servicesandstandards.pdf](http://www.ni-environment.gov.uk/sea-servicesandstandards.pdf)

# Who are the Consultation Bodies?

## Republic of Ireland Consultation Bodies

Environmental Protection Agency	<a href="http://www.epa.ie">www.epa.ie</a>
Dept of Environment, Heritage and Local Government	<a href="http://www.environ.ie">www.environ.ie</a>
Dept of Communications, Energy and Natural Resources	<a href="http://www.dcenr.gov.ie">www.dcenr.gov.ie</a>

## English Consultation Bodies

English Heritage	<a href="http://www.english-heritage.org.uk">www.english-heritage.org.uk</a>
Environment Agency	<a href="http://www.environment-agency.gov.uk">www.environment-agency.gov.uk</a>
Natural England	<a href="http://www.naturalengland.org.uk">www.naturalengland.org.uk</a>

## Welsh Consultation Bodies

Cadw	<a href="http://www.cadw.wales.gov.uk">www.cadw.wales.gov.uk</a>
Countryside Council for Wales	<a href="http://www.ccw.gov.uk">www.ccw.gov.uk</a>
Environment Agency	<a href="http://www.environment-agency.gov.uk">www.environment-agency.gov.uk</a>

## Scottish Consultation Body

Consultation with Scottish CAs is via the SEA Gateway	<a href="mailto:SEA.Gateway@scotland.gsi.gov.uk">SEA.Gateway@scotland.gsi.gov.uk</a>
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# SEA Stages & NIEA Standards

- **Screening**
  - Statutory Response within 28 days
- **Provision of Information**
  - Within 20 working days (40 if complex )
- **Scoping**
  - Statutory Response within 5 weeks
- **Public Consultation**
  - Within Timescales Requested (Good practice for consultation = 12 weeks)
- **Decision to Adopt**
  - Not a formal consultation phase

# Advice you may expect from us

We will advise or provide our opinion on the following

- Scoping:
  - Other Relevant Plans and Programmes
  - Current State of the Environment
  - Environmental Characteristics of Areas likely to be significantly affected
  - Existing Environmental Problems
  - Environmental Protection Objectives
  - Alternatives
  - Monitoring
- Environmental Report:
  - Likely Significant Effects
  - Mitigation

# Key topics/ Sources of Information covered by NIEA

- Website
  - [www.ni-environment.gov.uk](http://www.ni-environment.gov.uk)
- Built Heritage Directorate
  - Historic environment, including built/man-made heritage and historic landscapes
- Environmental Protection Directorate
  - Topics including soil, waste, contaminated land, water quality, air and climatic factors
- Natural Heritage Directorate
  - Terrestrial, freshwater and marine aspects of biodiversity, fauna, flora, landscape, designated sites, and protected areas.

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and promote our natural and built  
environment for the benefit of  
present and future generations.

