

Annex C: Users guide to establishing the priority of projects

The following table should be used to determine the priority of projects when completing the action plan.

			FUNCTIONALITY-Importance Classification of Feature				
			Vital	Very Important	Important	Minor	Very Minor
			Operations cannot function without full use or Feature of International Importance (e.g. SAC, RAMSAR site)	Operations of Establishment impaired without full use or Feature of National Importance (e.g. NNR, National Park, SSSI, SM)	Operations can be undertaken for a limited period without these Features or Feature of Regional Importance or Public Right of Way.	Operations can continue at a reduced level without these Features or Feature with only local importance (e.g. non-scheduled monument, local conservation area).	Operations can continue without these Features or Feature with no specific importance
			1	2	3	4	5
CRITICALITY- Maintenance Priority	Failure to maintain would give rise to an unacceptable Health & Safety or Security risk or would lead to a significant deterioration in the condition of the Feature which could result in the imminent threat of prosecution.	1	A1	A1	A1	A2	B
	Failure to maintain would prevent the Authority conducting normal operations or would lead to a significant deterioration in the condition of the Feature which would be in breach of statutory or mandatory obligations.	2	A1	A2	A2	B	C
	Failure to maintain would cause disruption to normal operations or would lead to the deterioration in the condition of the Feature.	3	A2	B	B	C	D
	Failure to maintain would cause minor inconvenience to normal operations or a minor deterioration in the condition of the Feature.	4	B	C	C	D	D
	Failure to maintain would not impinge on normal operations and would not impact on the condition of the Feature.	5	D	D	D	D	D