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North west marine plan areas

Iteration 2 (February 2018)

North west survey - tell us your thoughts

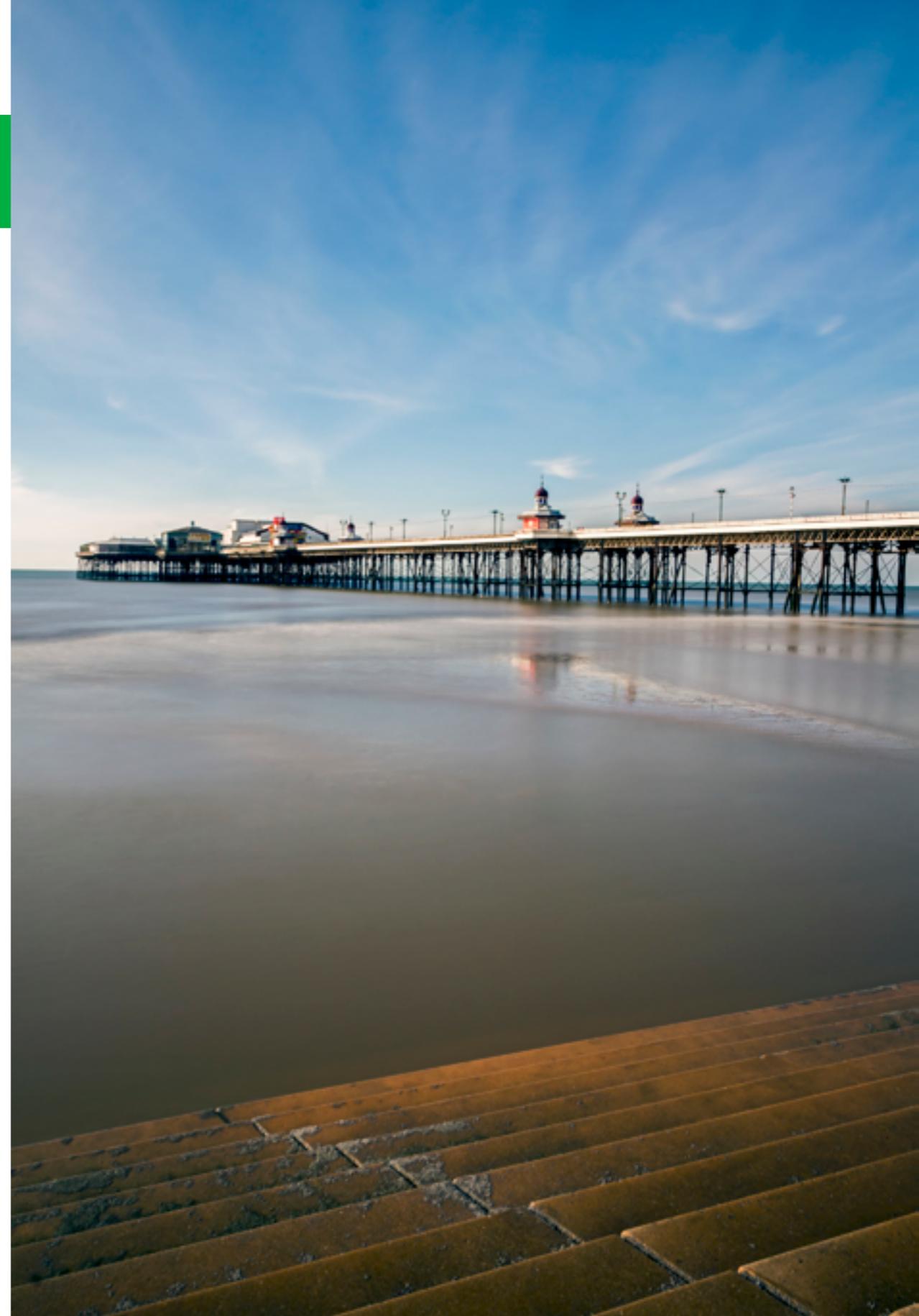
This iteration 2 product builds on marine planning work throughout 2017 including;

Feedback from the iteration 1 engagement (February/ March 2017) that considered how appropriate East and draft South policies are for issues in the north west plan areas.

Feedback from cause and effect engagement (July/ August 2017)

Internal review of new policies and strategies, new evidence sources and licenses granted in these plan areas.

This is your opportunity to identify your preferred response to address issues in the north west plan areas.



About the north west plan areas

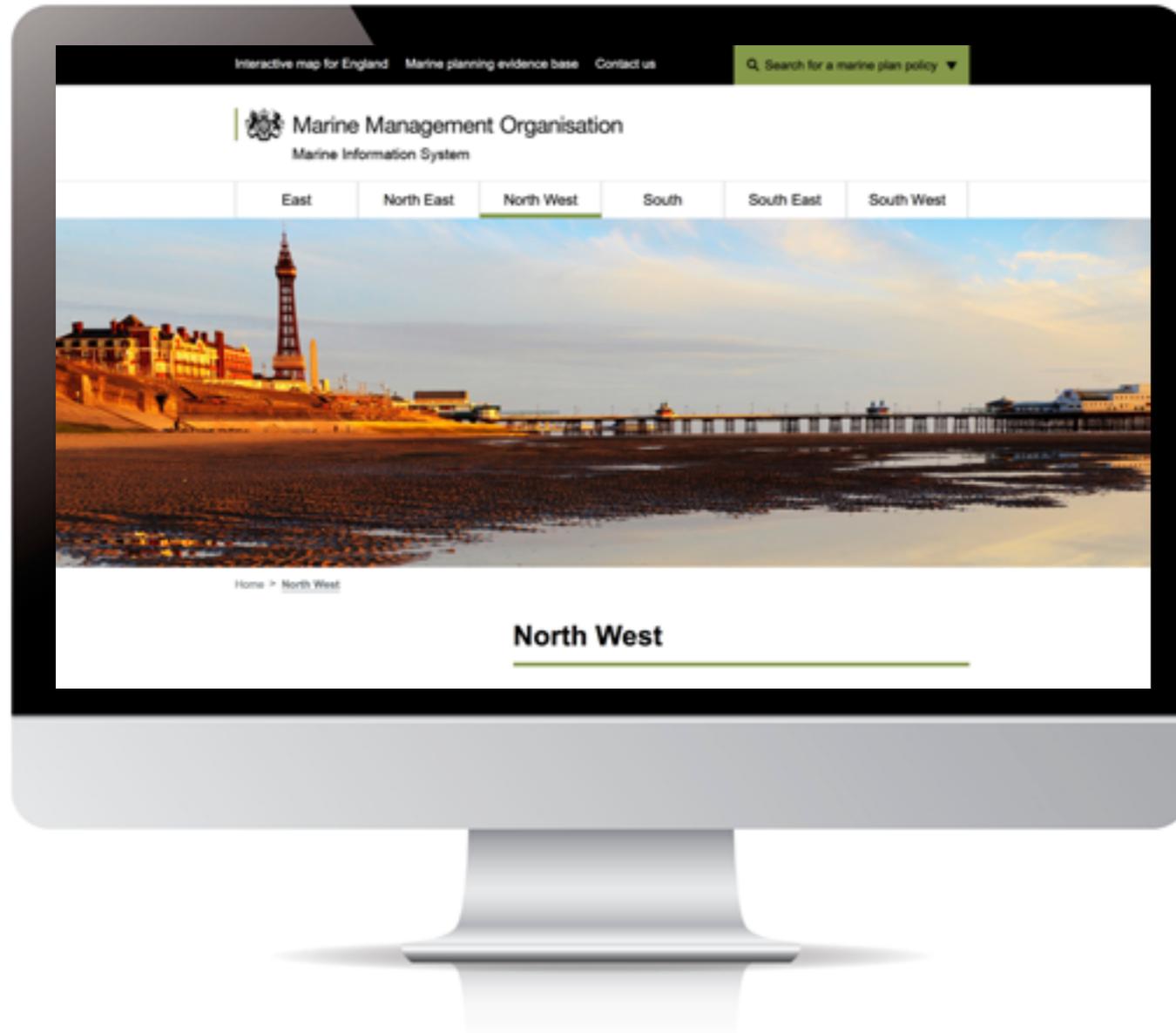
The north west marine plan areas includes the inshore and offshore areas. They cover approximately 1,280 kilometres of coastline, stretching from the Scottish border to the River Dee border with Wales.

They include the marine area from mean high water spring tides out to the seaward limit of the Exclusive Economic Zone, approximately 7,100 square kilometres of sea. They border Scotland, Wales and the Isle of Man.

The north west plans area is important for energy production both through discrete gas reserves and renewable energy. It is also home to Heysham 1 and 2 nuclear sites. The north west marine plan areas hosts eight special protection areas, including one of two SPAs which are entirely marine, seven special areas of conservation and nine UNESCO world heritage sites.



Marine Information System (MIS)



The [Marine Information System](#) is a website that provides quick and simple access to marine plan policies and supporting data and information from the [marine planning evidence base](#) and [interactive map](#).

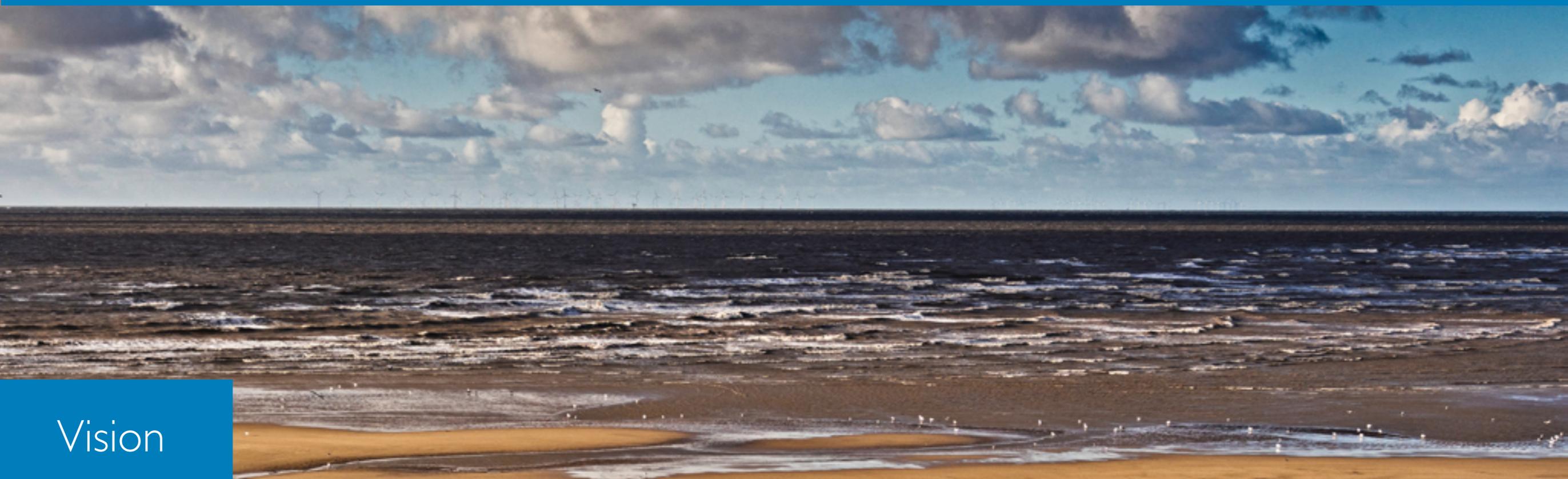
Throughout this document there are links to the north west section of [MIS](#).

MIS can be accessed on multiple devices including mobile, tablet and desktop.

North west plan policies are currently in development.



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Vision

- The north west marine plan areas are distinctive for the growth and variety of the energy generation industry
- Coastal tourism is flourishing, with key local centres such as Blackpool and the Lake District acting as a catalyst for further regional development of recreation and tourism opportunities up and down the coast
- The exceptional quality and quantity of the natural environment provides a safe haven for birds and other species located across the plan areas
- Close proximity to Wales, Scotland, the Isle of Man and Northern Ireland enable integrated marine planning and local governance arrangements

The full length vision for the north west is available [here](#). To provide your views on the draft north west vision please [complete the survey](#)



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Objectives

The [Marine Policy Statement](#) sets high level marine objectives for the UK which reflect the principles of sustainable development. The objectives are:

- **Achieving a sustainable marine economy**
- **Ensuring a strong, healthy and just society**
- **Living within environmental limits**
- **Promoting good governance**
- **Using sound science responsibly**

These objectives will be delivered in the north west marine plan areas through a variety of means, but principally by addressing the issues through marine plan policies.

Our experience and discussion with stakeholders have shown that these objectives will appropriately address the issues of the north west marine plan areas.



Responses to north west plan areas issues

The issues for the north west plan areas have been grouped by theme or sector.

Different ways to address the issues have been developed for each grouping.

These are shown in a survey for each grouping

- please select your 'top 3' responses to address the group of issues
- please set out why you have chosen these three in the box provided.
- you can provide an alternative response in the space provided in each survey

Please note:

- Spatial information for the north west plan areas is available on [MIS](#)
- The numbers for each issue relate to their unique ID in the [issues database](#) where the supporting evidence is shown.

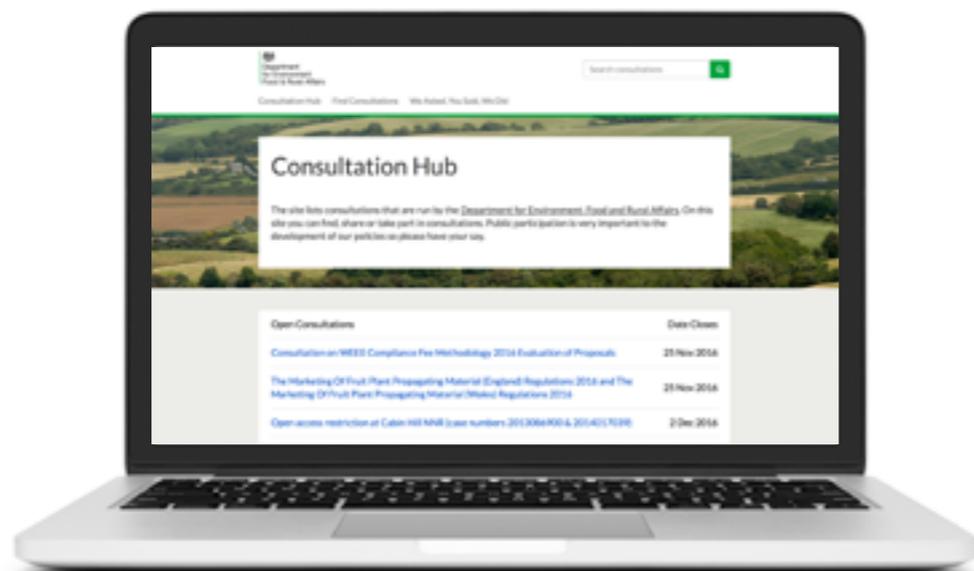
[Take part in the option survey for the north west plan areas > > >](#)



Stakeholder engagement

The MMO are seeking your views on the responses to issues developed in iteration 2 and asking you to identify your preferred approach to those issues and vision.

From 29 January to 29 March 2018 we would like to hear your feedback on our work to date. Your responses will be used to form Iteration 3.



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Next part of the journey

Engagement workshops iteration 2

February to March 2018

Analysis of responses

April to June 2018

Development of Iteration 3 content

Summer/Autumn 2018

Engagement on iteration 3

Early 2019

Sustainability Appraisal

Ongoing

Habitats Regulation Assessment

Ongoing

Your local marine planner is [Sam Wright \(Preston\)](#).

Further details on the planning process can be found in the [statement of public participation](#).



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