

Effective EIA Consultation

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Structure of Workshop

Introductions

Key Messages

Case Studies

Discussion

Objectives

Understanding Consultees' goals and priorities when responding to EIA consultations

Determining how to engage Consultees early in the process

Working on developing a positive, rather than adversarial, engagement

Ensuring early input by Consultees into project design for larger developments

The Environment Agency

Who are we?

Leading public body protecting and improving the environment in E&W

Largest environmental regulator in Europe (>11,000 staff)

Protection of air, soil and water

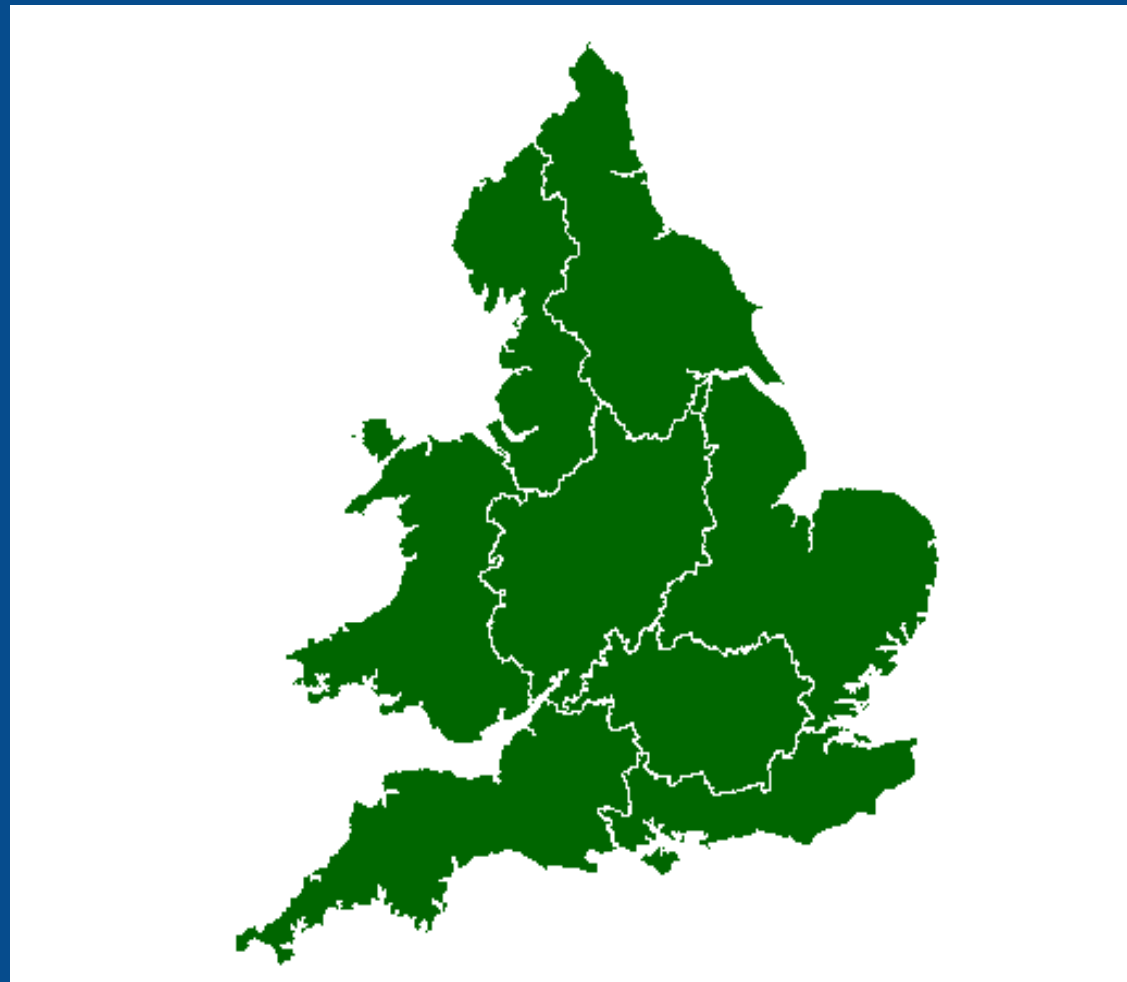
3 roles: operational, regulatory, advisory

How are we structured?

Head office - Bristol
and London

7 Regional Units +
Wales

20 Area Offices



Key Issues within our remit – Environment Agency

Water Resources

Water quality

Flood Risk

Fisheries

Navigation

Waste

Contaminated Land

Industrial Activities

We can provide relevant data if available

Our Goal in responding to consultations

Sustainable development

Environmental protection and enhancement

Flood risk management

Cleaner air for everyone

Improved and protected inland and coastal waters

Restored, protected land with healthier soils

Timely and high quality advice

Open and transparent approach

Preparing an EIA Consultation Response

received from Local Planning
Authority



Initial review by Area Planning
Liaison Specialist



Distribution to Technical Specialists
(Biodiversity - Flood Defence - Fisheries - Water
Resources - Environmental Protection - NEAS)

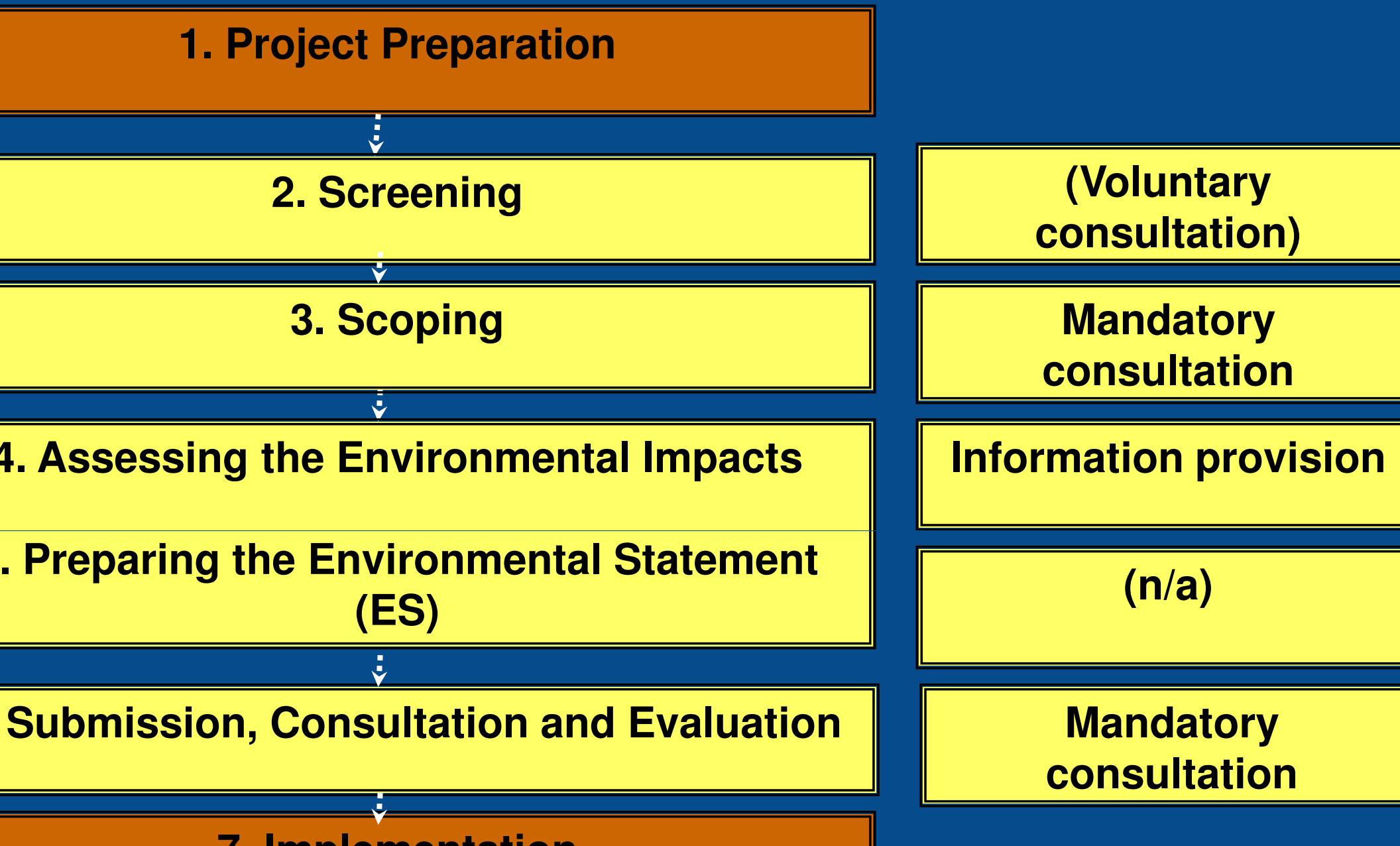


Comments returned and collated



Overall judgement on development

EA stages and our consultation role



Key Messages: Effective Consultation

Early engagement – pre-scoping

Focus on Project Preparation for a better project

Invite us to project meetings or site visits

Screening – focus is on *significant environmental impacts*

Scoping: *scope out* non-significant issues

Assessment: consider *enhancement* as well as mitigation

Resolve issues early to avoid planning objections later

Project Preparation: Manwern Steelworks Regeneration



Sample: Consultation Response

