

## Response ID ANON-SJPH-TVKM-Q

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### Introduction

#### How river basin management plans are linked to other plans and strategies

##### 1 Have we identified the right plans and strategies that affect, or are affected by, river basin management plans?

Yes

##### If not, please tell us what other plans and strategies we need to be aware of.:

Energy UK notes that there are a wide range of plans which could affect, or be affected by, River Basin Management Plans (RBMPs). It must be noted that RBMP water body targets and Programmes of Measures are to be set subject to the economic principles of the Water Framework Directive (WFD). Other plans are not bound in this way (though some may have other economic frameworks). In particular, the Catchment Partnerships have been set up with a remit wider than WFD and their plans are not bound by WFD principles.

#### Our proposed programme of work and timetable

##### 2 Does the programme set out include all of the significant steps necessary to review and update the river basin management plans?

Yes

##### If not, please tell us about anything extra you think we need to include.:

In developing the RBMPs themselves, it is likely to be useful to have regard to the findings of the EU WFD fitness check, which will be active in 2019/20. In particular, this may reach some position on management of the aquatic environment beyond RBMP3, which may reasonably influence RBMP3 development. It would be helpful to know if there will be a review of Environmental Quality Standards or similar for RBMP3 and, if so, what the timescales will be.

##### 3 Is the timetable set out for achieving the work programme realistic and achievable by 2021?

Yes

##### If not, please suggest how we might timetable things differently, taking into account that some dates cannot be changed because of the law.:

#### Who we plan to work with

##### 4 Are we working with the right organisations that need to be involved in reviewing and updating the river basin management plan(s)?

Yes

##### If you think a relevant organisation is not involved, please tell us.:

We note that Defra/Environment Agency have ruled out meaningful interaction at River Basin District scale in developing the RBMPs, which was a useful means of playing the role of "critical friend" in developing the plans during RBMP1 and RBMP2. We acknowledge the recognition of Energy UK within the national Water Leaders Group and welcome specific engagement through Energy UK in developing RBMP3 from a power sector perspective.

##### 5 Now that you have read this consultation, do you know how to get involved in the review and update of the river basin management plans?

Yes

##### If not, please tell us what more we should do to allow people to contribute.:

#### About you

##### 6 When we come to analyse the results of this consultation, it would help us to know if you are responding as an individual or on behalf of an organisation or group. Please select from the following options:

Responding on behalf of an organisation (Please specify which organisation or group and include what type it is, e.g. business, environmental group, etc)

##### Name of organisation or group. If you don't wish to leave the organisation name, please tell us what type it is. :

Energy UK

##### If other please specify. :

##### 7 What is your email address?

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**8 If you are happy for us to contact you about your response please leave your name below. We will not publish your name and will only contact you for clarifications about your response or to follow up on any suggestions you have made.**

**Name.:**

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**9 Please select which river basin district your response to this consultation applies to (you can select more than one or submit a national response by selecting 'England').**

England (all river basin districts)

**10 Are you happy for us to publish your response? We will not publish any personal information or parts of your response that will reveal your identity.**

Yes

**If not please let us know why.:**

**11 Finally, it would really help us if you let us know where you found out about this consultation.**

Through engagement with Environment Agency

**If other, please specify:**