

Towards a Marine Bill: Marine Development Consents

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The current system

Activities in the marine area are controlled;

- for different policy reasons
- in different ways
- by different legal regimes
- by different organisations, Government Departments and the Devolved Administrations

Which Activities?

Including...

- Ports and Harbours
- Oil and Gas Exploitation
- Electricity Generation – Offshore Wind farms
- Telecommunications Cables
- Construction / Infrastructure Projects
- Minerals dredging
- Protection of Wrecks / Remains

Issues to be addressed

- Complex, confusing and costly
- One or more consents / licences required
- Duplications and gaps
- New emerging activities
- Increased demand, increased conflict

What are we aiming for?

- Transparency
- Deliver marine objectives
- Better regulation
- Improved speed and quality of decision-making
- Maximum benefit from links with Marine Spatial Planning

Taking things forward

Consultation during Marine Bill process:

- Effective organisation and management
- Effective administrative processes

- Consolidate environmental and navigation controls?
- Further simplification or integration?

The Goal

“A modern, simple, transparent and effective regulatory system”



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