

Responsibilities

Organisational Roles and Responsibilities	Relevant legislation or policy	Existing Management
<p>Consenting and assenting of activities on Sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSSIs)</p> <p>Issuing formal advice on the potential impacts of activities on SSSIs</p>	<p>The Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981, as amended</p>	<p>All consents and permissions issued by Natural England on European sites are subject to Habitats Regulations Assessment</p>
<p>Issuing and enforcement of wildlife licences for disturbance, taking or harm to protected species</p>	<p>The Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981, as amended</p> <p>The Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017</p>	<p>Before granting a wildlife licence, NE assesses the likely impacts of the proposed actions. Actions will not be authorised if they will be detrimental to the maintenance of the population of the species concerned at a favourable conservation status in their natural range.</p>
<p>Management of National Nature Reserves</p> <p>Creation of Bylaws for National Nature Reserves</p>	<p>The National Park and Access to the Countryside Act 1949</p>	<p>NE Manages the Lindisfarne NNR. A number of bylaws are in place to protect this site.</p> <p>The Farne Island NNR is owned and managed by the National Trust but NE is required to approve and consent the Management Plan for the site</p>
<p>Statutory consultee on local plans and planning applications</p>	<p>The Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2010</p>	<p>Planning advice provided as required</p>
<p>Monitoring and reporting on condition of SSSIs and MPAs</p>	<p>The Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017</p>	<p>A programme of MPA and SSSI monitoring is in place. Results of monitoring can be viewed at https://designatedsites.naturalengland.org.uk/</p>

<p>Production of Conservation Objectives and Conservation Advice Packages for European sites and Marine Conservation Zones</p>	<p>The Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017</p>	<p>Draft Conservation Advice has been produced for all marine protected areas found in inshore Northumberland, with the exception of the Berwickshire and North Northumberland Coast SAC. Packages can be viewed at https://designatedsites.naturalengland.org.uk/</p>
<p>Provide advice to relevant authorities regarding the scope of appropriate assessment needed for proposed plans or projects</p>	<p>The Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulation 2017</p>	<p>Advice provided as required</p>
<p>Competent Authority with a general duty, in the exercise of any of their functions, to have regard to the EC Habitats Directive and Wild Birds Directive</p>	<p>The Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulation 2017</p>	<p>Any competent authority authorising a plan or project that may (either alone or in combination with other plans or projects), have a significant effect on the protected site, must undertake an appropriate assessment of the implications for that site in view of that site's conservation objectives</p>
<p>Statutory duty as a public authority to take reasonable steps to conserve and enhance the special features of sites of special scientific interest (SSSIs)</p>	<p>Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981, as amended</p>	<p>Section 28G of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981(as amended) imposes a duty on public bodies in exercising their functions to take reasonable steps, consistent with the proper exercise of those functions, to further conservation and enhancement of the special features on a SSSI. This applies where the public body is exercising its statutory functions on a SSSI or on land outside the SSSI where those functions affect a SSSI.</p>

<p>Statutory duty as a public authority to consider the effect of proposed activities on MCZs before issuing any authorisation</p>	<p>The Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009</p>	<p>The Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009 (Section 125) places a general duty on public authorities in regard to MCZs. Public authorities must exercise their functions (so far as is consistent with the proper exercise of the functions) in a manner which best furthers - or where that is not possible, least hinders - the conservation objectives for MCZs</p>
<p>Statutory duty as a public authority to have regard to conserving biodiversity as part of decision making</p>	<p>Natural Environment and Rural Communities Act 2006</p>	<p>Under Section 40 of the Natural Environment and Rural Communities Act 2006, there is a duty on all public authorities have regard, in exercising its functions, to the purpose of conserving biodiversity. The Act states that 'conserving biodiversity includes, in relation to a living organism or type of habitat, restoring or enhancing a population or habitat.'</p>