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Dear Consultee,

Consultation on Offshore Wind Environmental Compensatory Measures Reforms

We are writing to invite your views on our proposed reforms. We want to know what you think about the proposed reforms which are intended provide more clarity on requirements for environmental compensation when unavoidable damage to a Marine Protected Area (MPA) occurs. We propose introducing a more flexible and pragmatic approach to compensation which includes broadening the range of measures that can be used as compensation, whilst protecting the marine environment. This will support the Government's commitments to accelerating net zero and delivering the Clean Power by 2030 mission. There is also an opportunity to provide general feedback on the content of the consultation.

The following documents may be found on [Citizen Space](#)

- Consultation on Offshore Wind Environmental Compensatory Measures Reforms
- Privacy Notice

We welcome your views on the proposals.

Responses

To submit your responses, please complete the consultation questionnaire provided through Citizen Space (Citizen Space is an online consultation tool).

If you require a copy of the consultation, please contact us at OffshoreWindReforms@defra.gov.uk

This consultation will be live for six weeks. Given the critical nature of the reforms to the government's clean power mission and the engagement that we have already had during policy development with a wide range of relevant stakeholder groups and industry representatives, we consider this timeframe to be proportionate.

Responses must be received by 23:59 on 2 September 2025.

This consultation is being conducted in line with the [Consultation principles: guidance - GOV.UK](#).

Representative groups are asked to give a summary of the people and organisations they represent and, where relevant, who else they have consulted in reaching their conclusions when they respond.

Information provided in response to this consultation, including personal data, may be published or disclosed in accordance with the access to information legislation. We respect your personal privacy when responding to access to information requests. We only share information when necessary to meet the statutory requirements of the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 and the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Using and sharing your information

How we use your personal data is set out in the consultation and call for evidence exercise privacy notice which can be found here [Defra's privacy notices - GOV.UK](#)

If you have any comments or complaints about the consultation process, please email: consultation.coordinator@defra.gov.uk

Thank you for your help in this matter. If you have any queries, please contact us as above.

Yours faithfully

The Offshore Wind Environmental Compensation Reforms Team

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