



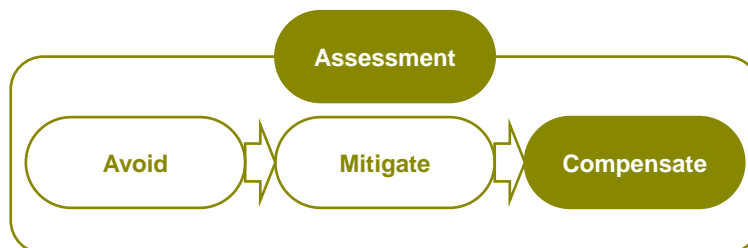
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Biodiversity offsetting in England

Introduction

- *Biodiversity offsetting in England* published 5 September
 - Explains what offsetting
 - Sets out objectives
 - Sets out Government preferences
 - Seeks evidence
 - Asks questions about detailed design
- 9 week consultation ending 7 November

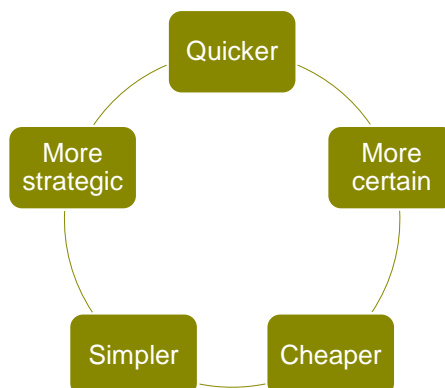
What is biodiversity offsetting?



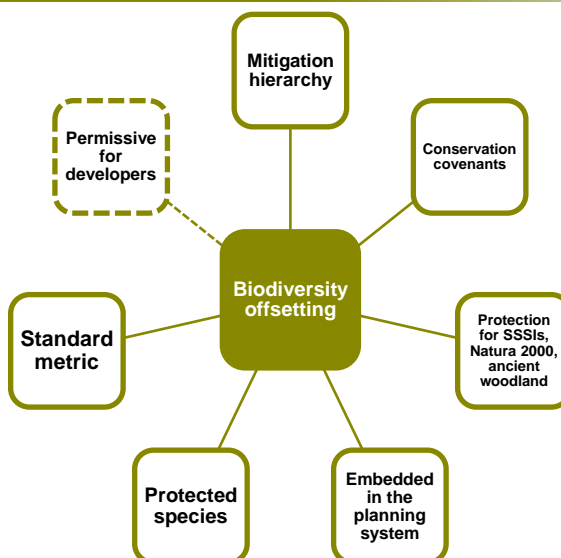
- Standard framework for assessing impacts of projects at all stages of the mitigation hierarchy
- A way of securing compensation for the long-term if significant harm cannot be avoided
- Allows third-parties to provide compensation – potentially a strategic way to achieve net gain

Why is the Government interested?

- Can do more for the environment
- Improve the way the planning system works



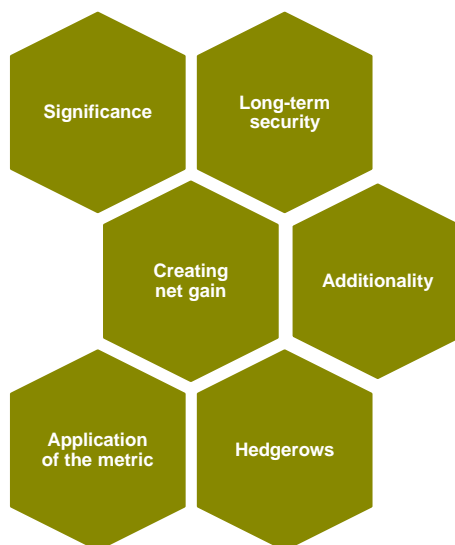
Key features



Key questions



Detailed design of the system



Implications for the coast



What next?

- Please respond to the consultation:
https://consult.defra.gov.uk/biodiversity/biodiversity_offsetting
- Government response by end 2013
- Legislation needed to bring system into force