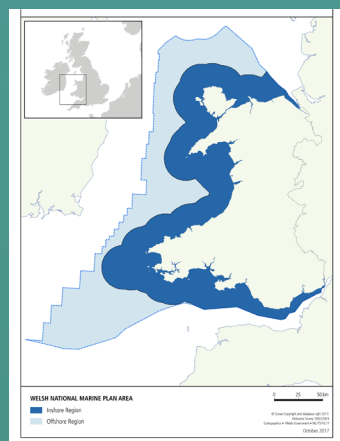


Planning Permission and the Welsh National Marine Plan

Is your planning application near the coast?
Or does it have the potential to affect the coast or sea?

If your development has the potential to impact on the Welsh coast or marine area, in addition to land planning policy, you also need to consider and comply with any relevant marine planning policies. The Welsh National Marine Plan (WNMP) was adopted in November 2019. This Plan sets out Welsh Government's vision and objectives for the Welsh marine area for the next 20 years and includes policies to support the achievement of this vision.

WELSH MARINE PLANNING AREA



The WNMP Plan, and its policies, apply to all decisions with the potential to affect the marine plan area.

The boundary of the marine plan area is at the mean high-water spring tide mark which can extend far upriver from the coast. Activities and developments on land, both near and far from the coast, can affect and be affected by the marine environment.

The WNMP could, therefore, be a consideration for land-based planning applications and, when relevant, Local Planning Authorities will apply marine planning policy in their decision making.

The WNMP contains policies covering social, environmental, economic, governance, science, and different marine activity and industry considerations.

Some of these policies will not be relevant to terrestrial activities, such as the policies related to fishing or offshore structures. The policies that are most likely to be relevant to land-based proposals are:

- those with a coastal aspect such as the policies on managing coastal change and flooding or maintaining access to the marine environment,

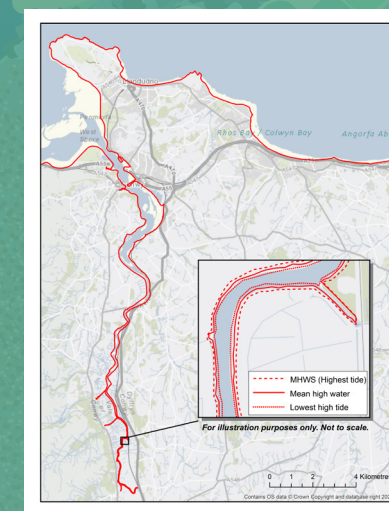
- those where land-based activities have a direct link such as through litter, pollution or decreased water quality from actions which originate on land or in/to rivers.

Depending on the nature of your development, other policies may also apply, and this should be discussed and agreed with your Local Planning Authority.

Potentially relevant marine planning policies:

- SOC_01: Access to the marine environment.
- SOC_03: Marine pollution incidents.
- SOC_08: Resilience to coastal change and flooding.
- SOC_09: Effects on coastal change and flooding.
- ENV_04: Marine litter.
- ENV_06: Air and water quality.

MEAN HIGH WATER SPRING TIDE



The level of consideration given to marine planning policy will depend on the likely significance of the development to the marine area.

For smaller projects and/or those further away from the coast, it is likely that marine planning policy will be less relevant or can take a 'lighter touch' approach.

Policy GEN_02

Relevant Public Authorities should take a proportionate, risk-based approach to application of relevant marine planning policies in decision making.

The Local Planning Authority will use a proportionate approach in applying marine planning policies to an application and if any evidence should be provided.

This will be done by assessing the type, scale, frequency and location of the proposal.

For more information about marine planning in Wales, visit: www.gov.wales/marine-planning

If you have any queries on how marine planning and the WNMP might apply to you or your development proposal, contact your Local Planning Authority.