

Northern Ireland Environment Agency & the Marine Division

Statutory Consultee Role to Planning



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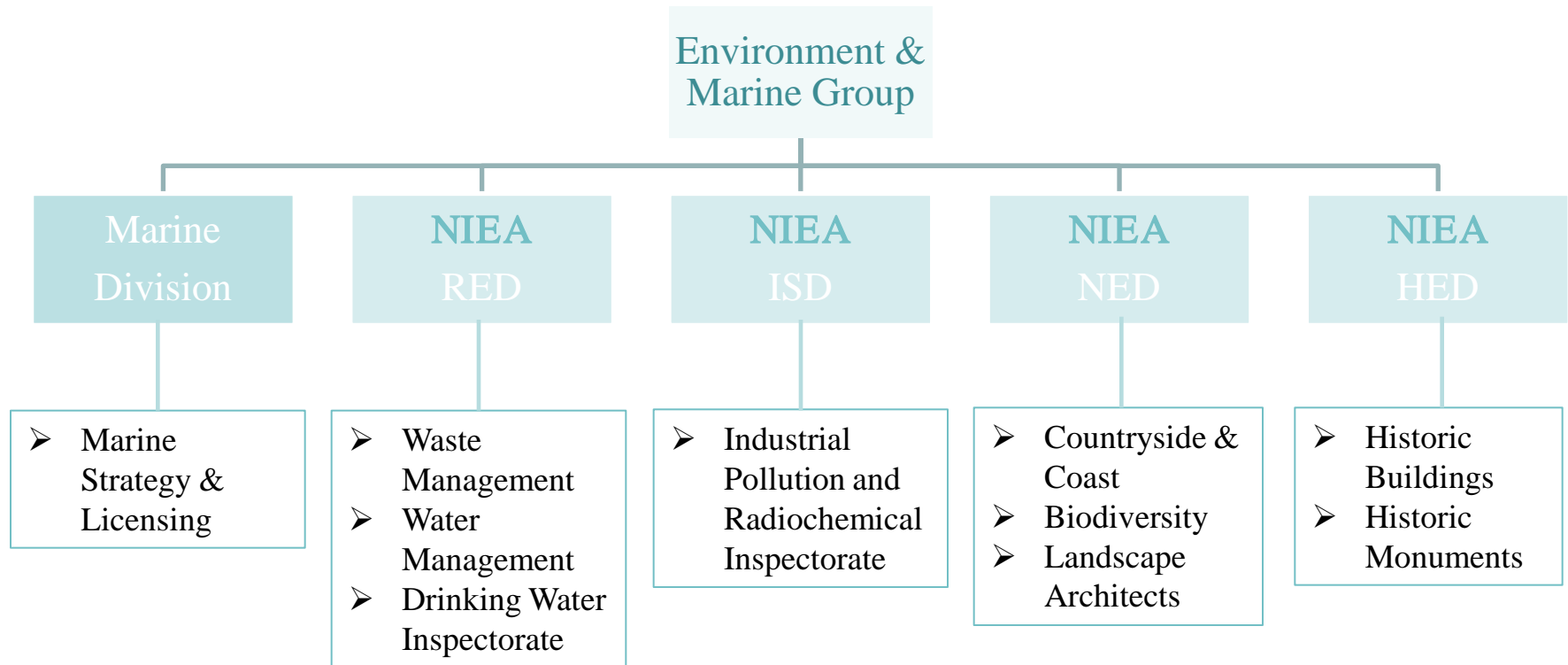


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Who is consulted in NIEA & Marine Division



When will NIEA & Marine be consulted

- **Schedule 3** of the Planning (GDP) Order (NI) 2015 outlines when NIEA & Marine must be statutorily consulted
- Planning (Listed Buildings) Regulations (NI) 2015 requires NIEA to be statutorily consulted on all applications for **Listed Building Consent**
- LPA's may consult NIEA & Marine on certain types of non-statutory applications i.e. Pre-Application - to be defined in a NIEA – LPA Framework document.

NIEA & Marine –planning support

NIEA and Marine will continue to engage and provide advice to Planners / applicants supporting sustainable growth and development by:

- ❖ Pre-application advice
- ❖ Best practice guidance
- ❖ Standing advice
- ❖ Checklists for planning applications
- ❖ Forums for performance improvement with Local Planning Authorities
- ❖ Dedicated client managers
- ❖ Capacity building training seminars
- ❖ Input and specialist advice to planning appeals

Roles & Responsibilities of NIEA / Marine to Planning as a Statutory Consultee

NIEA/Marine statutory responsibilities

- provide a substantive response within statutory timescales of 21 calendar days;
- 100% of statutory consultations to be issued in 21 calendar days
- GDPO provides for an alternative response timescale to be agreed if necessary;
- reporting annual consultation performance

Statutory consultee substantive responses

- consultee has no response
- content on the basis of the information presented
- refers Planning to NIEA/Marine published guidance
- advice to Planning to inform their determination

Applicants need to “front load” planning applications with adequate information for Planning to consider good quality applications and enable timely determinations to be made

Environmental information required

- Need to “front load” planning applications with adequate information
- Information submitted needs to reflect:
 - nature of the proposed development (e.g. housing)
 - nature of the application (e.g. complexity, scale)
 - application stage – information to be relevant & proportionate
 - adequacy and completeness of environmental information to inform a substantive response

NIEA / Marine initiatives / responses

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- Planning Control Team – single contact point
- New planning process & database to improve efficiency
- New guidance / checklists
- Capacity building
- Service Agreements with Councils

NIEA / Marine responses

- One consultation to NIEA / Marine with one consultation response
- NIEA / Marine response to include all relevant inputs

Reporting NIEA & Marine's Planning Consultee Performance

NIEA/Marine performance reports

- Number of statutory consultations
- Number of consultations responses issued within prescribed timescales
- Number of consultations responses issued within other agreed periods
- Explanation of failure to meet agreed response targets
- Performance reporting to be in line with Service Agreements with Councils