



Historic England

Potential of marine energy projects in Great Britain: call for evidence

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Introduction

1. Historic England is the Government's statutory adviser on all matters relating to the historic environment in England. We are a non-departmental public body sponsored by the Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS). We champion and protect England's historic places, providing expert advice to local planning authorities, developers, owners and communities to help ensure our historic environment is properly understood enjoyed and cared for.
2. We welcome the opportunity to contribute evidence on the potential of marine energy projects in Great Britain. Given the primary focus of this call for evidence is on business matters associated with innovative marine energy technologies, our contribution at this stage is brief.

Summary of Historic England's key points

3. We have worked previously with other UK heritage agencies to consider other marine renewable energy development potential: <https://historicengland.org.uk/images-books/publications/historic-environment-guidance-wave-tidal-energy/wavetidal/>
4. In reference to energy devices that use tidal lagoons and barrages, we commissioned a project to examine historic environmental implications: *Tidal Range Developments: Considerations for the Historic Environment*, published for download in March 2018: <https://research.historicengland.org.uk/redirect.aspx?id=7502%7C%20Tidal%20Range%20Developments:%20Considerations%20for%20the%20Historic%20Environment>
5. Historic England's involvement with marine development matters were extended (under the National Heritage Act 2002) to modify our functions to include securing the preservation of monuments in, on, or under the seabed within the seaward limits of the UK Territorial Sea adjacent to England (12 nautical miles). We also provide our advice in recognition of the English marine plan areas (inshore and offshore) as defined by the Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009 and as described within the UK Marine Policy Statement and the policies of published or draft Marine Plans.

Further information

6. Please contact us if you have any queries or require further information.

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