

SCHEDULE 3

MATTERS TO BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT UNDER REGULATION 3(3) AND (4)

Location of development

2. The environmental sensitivity of geographical areas likely to be affected by development must be considered, having regard, in particular, to—

- (a) the existing land use;
- (b) the relative abundance, quality and regenerative capacity of natural resources in the area; and
- (c) the absorption capacity of the natural environment, paying particular attention to the following areas—
 - (i) wetlands;
 - (ii) coastal zones;
 - (iii) mountain and forest areas;
 - (iv) nature reserves and parks;
 - (v) areas classified or protected under EEA States' legislation;
 - (vi) special protection areas designated by EEA States pursuant to Directives [79/409/EEC\(1\)](#) and [92/43/EEC\(2\)](#);
 - (vii) areas in which the environmental quality standards laid down in legislation of the Communities have already been exceeded;
 - (viii) densely populated areas; and
 - (ix) landscapes of historical, cultural and archaeological significance.

(1) O.J. No. L 103, 25.4.79, p.1.

(2) O.J. No. L 206, 22.7.92, p.7.