Matters relevant to consideration of whether or not a Schedule A2 project is likely to have significant effects on the environment

Characteristics of the project

1. The characteristics of the project, with particular regard to—
   (a) the size and design of the whole project;
   (b) cumulation with other existing or approved projects;
   (c) the use of natural resources, in particular land, soil, water and biodiversity;
   (d) the production of waste;
   (e) pollution and nuisances;
   (f) the risk of major accidents or disasters which are relevant to the project concerned, including those caused by climate change, in accordance with scientific knowledge; and
   (g) the risks to human health (for example due to water contamination or air pollution).

Location of the project

2. The environmental sensitivity of geographical areas likely to be affected by the project, with particular regard to—
   (a) the existing and approved land use;
   (b) the relative abundance, availability, quality and regenerative capacity of natural resources (including soil, land, water and biodiversity) in the area and below ground in that area;
   (c) the absorption capacity of the natural environment, paying particular attention to the following areas—
      (i) wetlands, riparian areas, river mouths;
      (ii) coastal zones and the marine environment;
      (iii) mountain and forest areas;
      (iv) nature reserves and parks;
      (v) areas classified or protected under national legislation, Natura 2000 areas designated or classified by member States pursuant to the Habitats Directive or the Wild Birds Directive;
      (vi) areas in which there has already been a failure to meet the environmental quality standards laid down in EU legislation and relevant to the project, or in which it is considered that there is such a failure;
      (vii) densely populated areas; and
      (viii) landscapes and sites of historical, cultural or archaeological significance.
Types and characteristics of the potential impact

3. The likely significant effects of projects on the environment in relation to the matters set out in paragraphs 1 and 2, with regard to the impact of the project on the factors specified in regulation 21A(2)(a) to (e) and with regard to—

(a) the magnitude and spatial extent of the impact (for example the geographical area and the size of the population likely to be affected);
(b) the nature of the impact;
(c) the transboundary nature of the impact;
(d) the intensity and complexity of the impact;
(e) the probability of the impact;
(f) the expected onset, duration, frequency and reversibility of the impact;
(g) the cumulation of the impact with the impact of other existing or approved projects;
(h) the possibility of effectively reducing the impact.
Changes to legislation:
The Marine Works (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2007, SCHEDULE 1 is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 06 June 2019. There are changes that may be brought into force at a future date. Changes that have been made appear in the content and are referenced with annotations.

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