

 <b>Regulatory Policy Committee</b>	<b>OPINION</b>	
<b>Impact Assessment (IA)</b>	Orders under sections 38(8) 39(12) of the Flood and Water Management Act (incidental flooding and erosion).	
<b>Lead Department/Agency</b>	Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs	
<b>Stage</b>	Final	
<b>Origin</b>	Domestic	
<b>Date submitted to RPC</b>	26/01/2011	
<b>RPC Opinion date and reference</b>	07/02/2011	RPC11-DEFRA-0780
<b>Overall Assessment</b>	<b>GREEN</b>	
<p>The IA is fit for purpose although it would have benefited from the inclusion of more information obtained during the consultation, particularly to support the estimates of costs and benefits.</p>		
<p><b>Identification of costs and benefits, and the impacts on small firms, public and third sector organisations, individuals and community groups and reflection of these in the choice of options</b></p> <p>The RPC has previously issued an opinion on the consultation stage IA recommending that the estimates of the costs and benefits would need to be strengthened during the consultation period. The costs and benefits have been justified more thoroughly in this final IA, although more information about the consultation responses could have been provided to support the illustrative scenarios used for estimating the costs and benefits.</p>		
<p><b>Have the necessary burden reductions required by One-in, One-out been identified and are they robust?</b></p> <p>The IA indicates there will be a cost to business. However, no burden reduction ('OUT') has been identified in the IA.</p>		
<b>Signed</b>	<div style="text-align: right;"> <b>Michael Gibbons, Chairman</b> </div> 	