

## SCHEDULE 3

Regulation 5(4)

### SELECTION CRITERIA FOR SCREENING SCHEDULE 2 DEVELOPMENT

#### **Characteristics of development**

1. The characteristics of development must be considered with particular regard to—
  - (a) the size and design of the whole development;
  - (b) cumulation with other existing development and/or approved development;
  - (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 and/or disasters relevant to the development concerned, including those caused by climate change, in accordance with scientific knowledge;
  - (g) the risks to human health (for example, due to water contamination or air pollution).

#### **Location of development**

- 2.—(1) The environmental sensitivity of geographical areas likely to be affected by development must be considered, 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 its underground;
  - (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) European sites and other areas classified or protected under national legislation;
    - (vi) areas in which there has already been a failure to meet the environmental quality standards, laid down in Union legislation and relevant to the project, or in which it is considered that there is such a failure;
    - (vii) densely populated areas;
    - (viii) landscapes and sites of historical, cultural or archaeological significance.

#### **Types and characteristics of the potential impact**

3. The likely significant effects of the development on the environment must be considered in relation to criteria set out in paragraphs 1 and 2 above, with regard to the impact of the development on the factors specified in regulation 4(2), taking into account—
  - (a) the magnitude and spatial extent of the impact (for example geographical area and 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;

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- (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 and/or approved development;
- (h) the possibility of effectively reducing the impact.