

Micro hydro – The planning perspective

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- Consider natural heritage designations
- Think about the justification for your project
- Be prepared to fund surveys
- Look at other examples
- Get an expert involved
- Talk to us or your local authority planning staff

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Other Renewable Energy Sources

Renewable energy facilities, other than wind energy developments will be approved, in principle, if located, sited, and designed in accordance with the following criteria:

- a) the proposal will not compromise public health or safety, including emissions, effluent, residues or ash being released into the atmosphere or watercourses (for example through leaching or run-off);**
- b) the proposal has an impact which is assessed and is acceptable on sites of importance to natural heritage, national and local landscape designations, or areas of ecological importance, in accordance with policies Env\1 to Env\7;**
- c) the proposal is appropriate in terms of the scale and nature of the setting of historic buildings, conservation areas, and archaeological sites;**
- d) satisfactory steps are taken to mitigate negative development impacts, such as noise (for example from engines, boilers, handling equipment or traffic), visual intrusion, or traffic movement (for example, transporting fuel to the site and subsequent removal of by products / wastes) on occupiers of nearby properties (in or outwith a settlement boundary);**
- e) where applicable, it conforms to the National Waste Strategy and other area and local waste plans and strategies; AND**
- f) where applicable, land restoration, after care, and after use details are satisfactory.**

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