

European Protected Species

UK (England) Perspective

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Current Approach



Exclusion



Trapping



Translocation





Mitigation & Compensation

Current Approach

- Low risk, status quo
- Costly - > €1,000 per newt
- Delays
- Focus on
 - *each site*
 - *local populations*
 - *every individual*
- Interpretation of Directive?
- Conservation benefits?
- Gold plated?



New Approaches to EPS Licensing in England (Natural England)

4 proposed new policies, aiming to achieve:

- Better outcomes for EPS
 - Reduced costs...
 - Reduced delays...
 - Reduced uncertainty...for developers
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- Move away from protecting all animals on all sites
 - Towards improving populations in wider area
 - More flexibility where compensation provided
 - Temporary habitats
 - Reduced survey effort

New (draft) Policies from Natural England

- 1. Greater flexibility when excluding & relocating EPS**
*Reduce exclusion & capture effort; accept some mortality;
better compensation habitat & benefits*
- 2. Greater flexibility in location of compensatory habitats**
*Off-site rather than on-site compensatory habitat,
delivering bigger benefits*
- 3. Allowing EPS on temporary habitats**
*On land prior to development, without need for 'full'
compensation when it is developed*
- 4. Appropriate survey effort**
Reduce effort where impacts predicted & timescale critical

Conclusions

- Approach to EPS evolving
 - Probably good news
 - Flexibility & common sense
 - Better value for money
 - Temporary Nature - driven by minerals
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- Definition of favourable conservation status
 - Local populations
 - Focus on newts

