

REVIEW & CRITIQUE OF ENVIRONMENTAL SENSITIVITY MAPPING

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“An acre in Middlesex is better than a principality in Utopia” Macaulay on Bacon

VALUE

- NOT A DECISION TOOL
- BUT BACKGROUND DATA
- CONSISTENT
- FLEXIBLE
- APPLICABLE TO DIFFERENT LEVELS
- NOT INTERPRETED (But see below)

APPLICATION

- REGIONAL STUDIES
- BACKGROUND FOR DEVELOPMENT PLANS
- IDENTIFICATION OF LEAST AFFECTED AREAS
- IDENTIFICATION OF ISSUES THAT MIGHT NEED TO BE ADDRESSED
- IDENTIFICATION OF PROS AND CONS OF ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

CONCERNS

- TECHNICAL/SOCIAL/ECONOMIC
- FACTORS/ASSETS
- SCORES
- RANGE
- LAYERS

LAYERS

• 1 RAMSAR	= 10	• 1 AONB	= 8
• 2 SAC	= 10	• 2 Parkland	= 8
• 3 SPA	= 10	• 3 Anc Mon	= 8
• 4 NNR	= 8	• 4 Grade 1 Ag	= 8
• 5 SSSI	= 8	• 5 Gr Water Z1	= 8
• Total	= 46	• Total	= 40

NEXT STEPS

- DON'T WASTE THIS START
- APPLY ELSEWHERE – CONSISTENCY
- FORGET REFINING – PLANNING NOT ABOUT PERFECTION
- GET IT UP AND RUNNING FOR THE UK ASAP
- “Second Best tomorrow” Robert Watson-Watt