

Planning & Environment Strategy Group

Frequency of meetings: at least 4 times a year

Purpose: Driving strategic alignment and coordination across delivery, policy and engagement, particularly around marine planning, with a view to improving the overall efficiency of the planning system and reduce barriers to deployment. This group will draw on input from the OPEG group (terrestrial planning), when required to support positions on cross-cutting issues.

Key priorities (2025–2027)

- Driving coordination across policy / delivery and marine / terrestrial groups, ensuring that we have a coherent position and consistent approach to key issues. The main focus of the group will be on marine planning, where priorities are spread across multiple groups.
- Shaping the overall RUK position on cross-cutting planning and environment issues, including: SSEP, the NSIP regime, Biodiversity Net Gain, **Planning & Infrastructure Bill**, **planning fees and resourcing**, heritage and transition from EIA / EORs.

Note that the Strategic Committee will be ultimately responsible for agreeing the RUK position and narrative on SSEP, and will be commissioning relevant groups to develop supportive analysis and briefings on this topic as needed.

Wider governance/TA/industry interaction

This group will oversee the strategic direction and coordinate inputs from the multiple groups operating in RUK, RUKC, RUKNI and OWIC in this area. It will include Chair or Vice-Chair representatives relevant groups looking after marine planning. It will also include experts in planning and environment who do not sit on specific technical groups.



Engagement priorities

MHCLG, DESNZ, DEFRA, HMT, Mission Control, Natural England, Historic England, RSPB

Marine Scotland, NRW, NatureScot, JNCC, Natural England, Welsh Government, RTPI, LGA, and Regen.

Planning & Infrastructure Bill

Structure

