

# Response to Environment Agency's Draft National Flood and Coastal Erosion Risk Management Strategy for England

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### About Energy UK

Energy UK is the trade association for the GB energy industry with a membership of over 100 suppliers, generators, and stakeholders with a business interest in the production and supply of electricity and gas for domestic and business consumers. Our membership covers over 90% of both UK power generation and the energy supply market for UK homes. We represent the diverse nature of the UK's energy industry – from established FTSE 100 companies right through to new, growing suppliers and generators, which now make up over half of our membership.

Our members turn renewable energy sources as well as nuclear, gas and coal into electricity for over 27 million homes and every business in Britain. Over 730,000 people in every corner of the country rely on the sector for their jobs, with many of our members providing long-term employment as well as quality apprenticeships and training for those starting their careers. Around 7,000 people are directly employed in the energy sector in Wales, with many more jobs supported indirectly. The energy industry invests £12bn annually, delivers £88bn in economic activity through its supply chain and interaction with other sectors, and pays £6bn in tax to HM Treasury.

We welcome the opportunity to respond to the Environment Agency's consultation on the Draft National Flood and Coastal Erosion Risk Management Strategy for England. Our comments are confined to Question 13a, below.

**Q13a. To what extent do you agree with strategic objective 2.6: Between now and 2050 the Environment Agency and risk management authorities will work with infrastructure providers to ensure all infrastructure investment is resilient to future flooding and coastal change?**

Energy UK strongly agrees with this objective and welcomes the Environment Agency's aim to create a nation resilient to flooding and coastal change to the year 2100, and the acknowledgement that critical infrastructure projects have a key role to play in this. We would be happy to discuss the work that we are doing in the electricity generating sector to address the risks posed by climate change, flooding and coastal erosion to critical assets if this would be of interest to the Agency.

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