

# Onshore Wind: More Progress – More Planning

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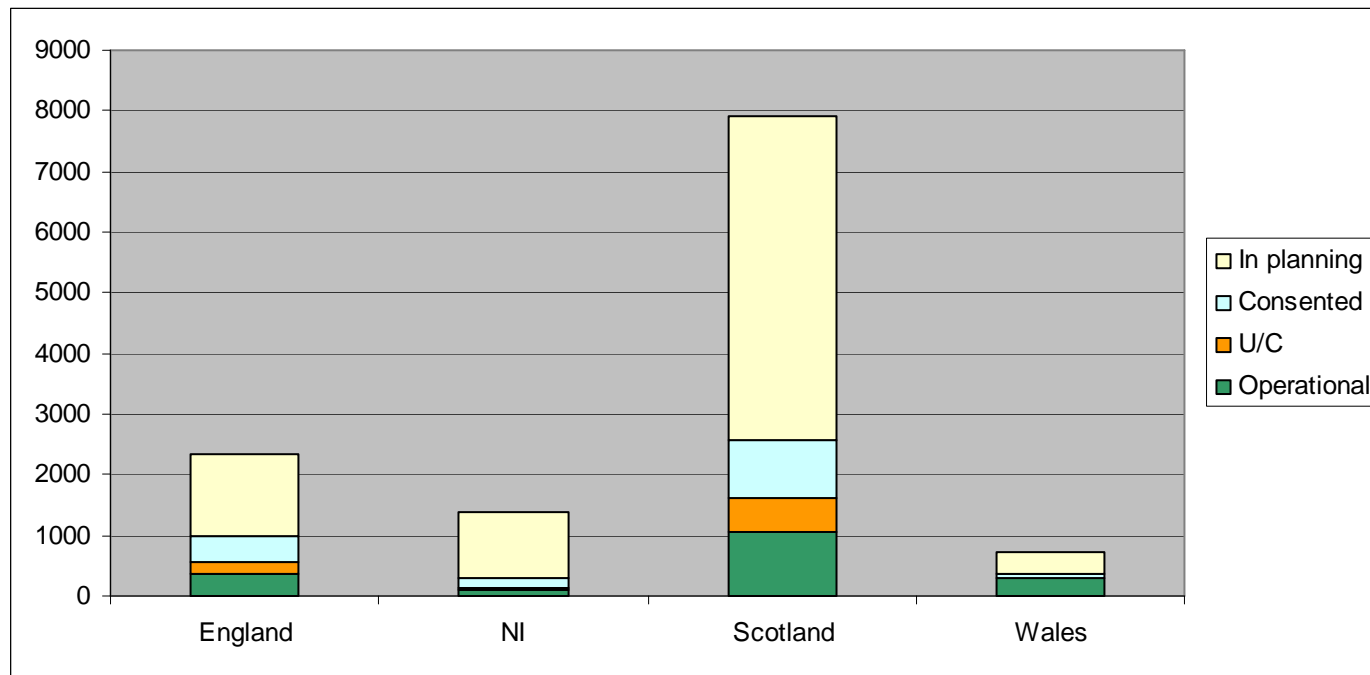
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Director of Programme Strategy

# BWEA - moving forward

- BWEA Board
  - BWEA Strategy
  - Staff Structure
  - Support Group Structure
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- 4 vacancies:  
Head of Onshore  
Planning Advisor  
Small Wind Officer  
Offshore Delivery Programme Director

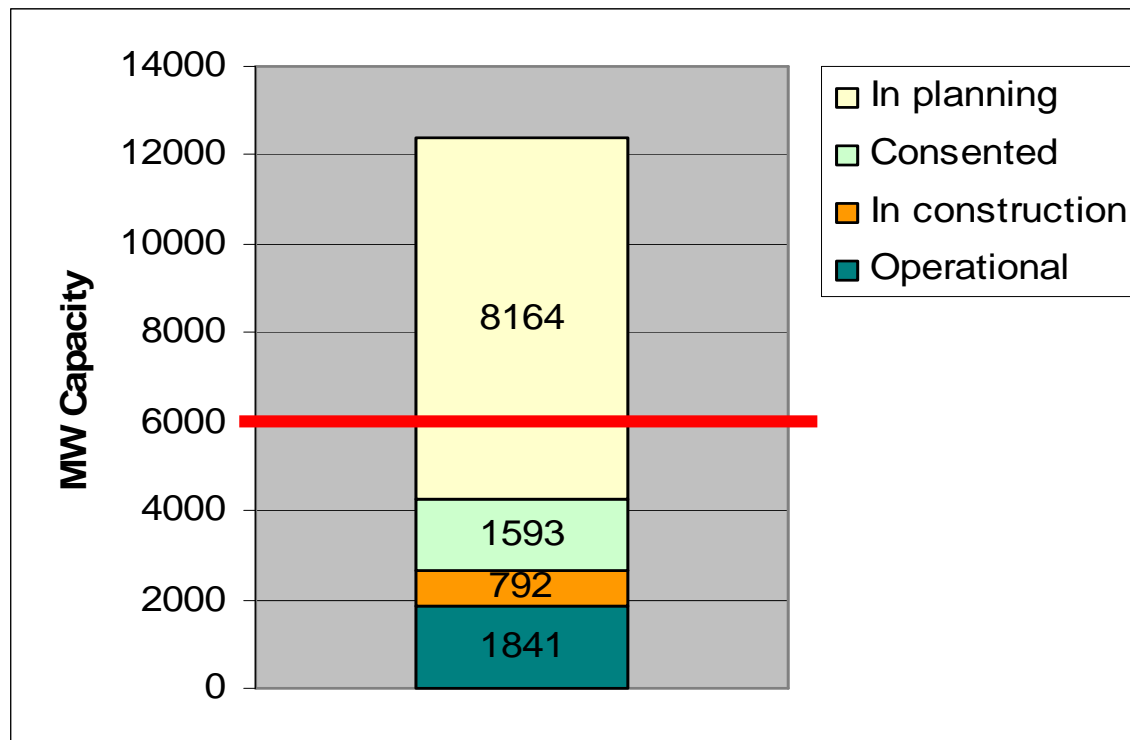
# **Onshore Wind: Progress to the Target**

# Onshore Wind Progress: UK breakdown

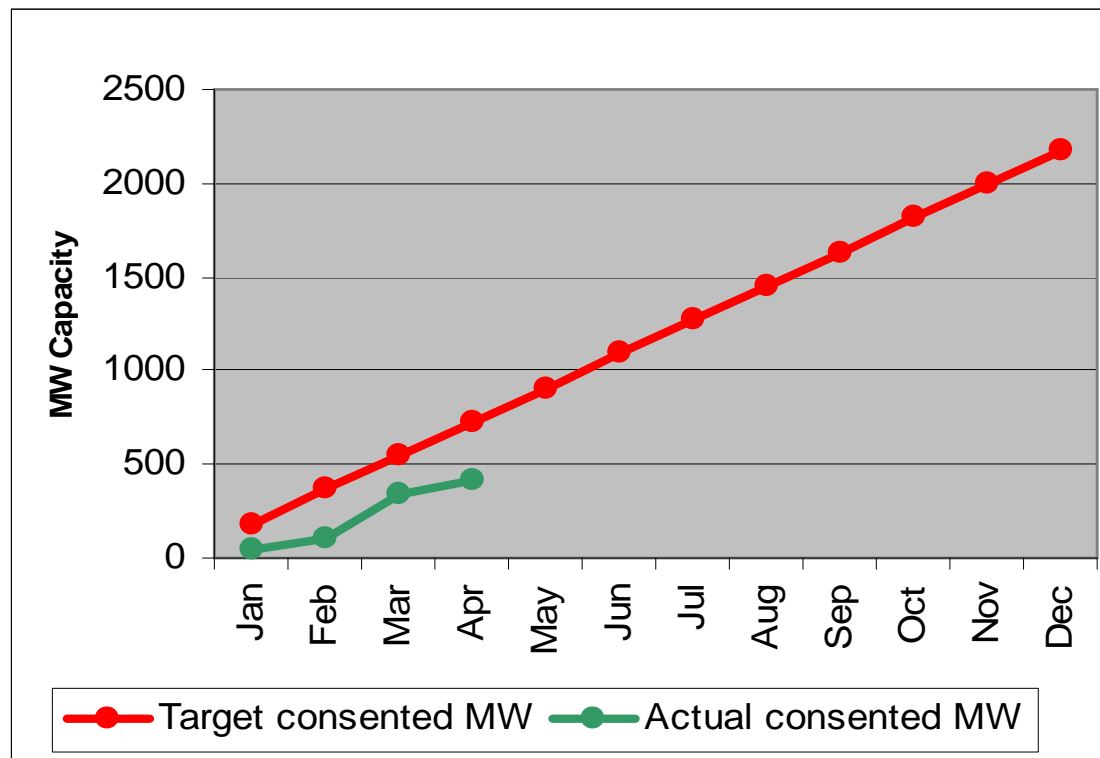


# Onshore Wind Target = 6GW

## Progress thermometer to 2010

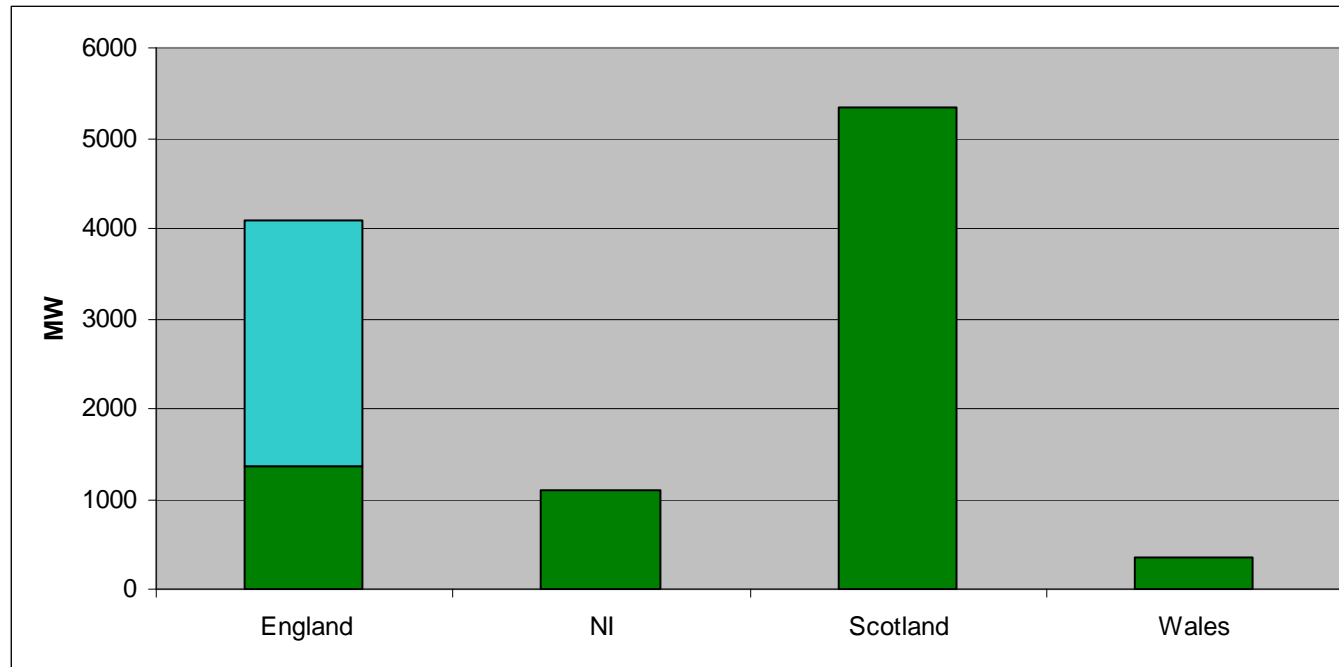


# Onshore Wind Target: Consents countdown tracker to 2010

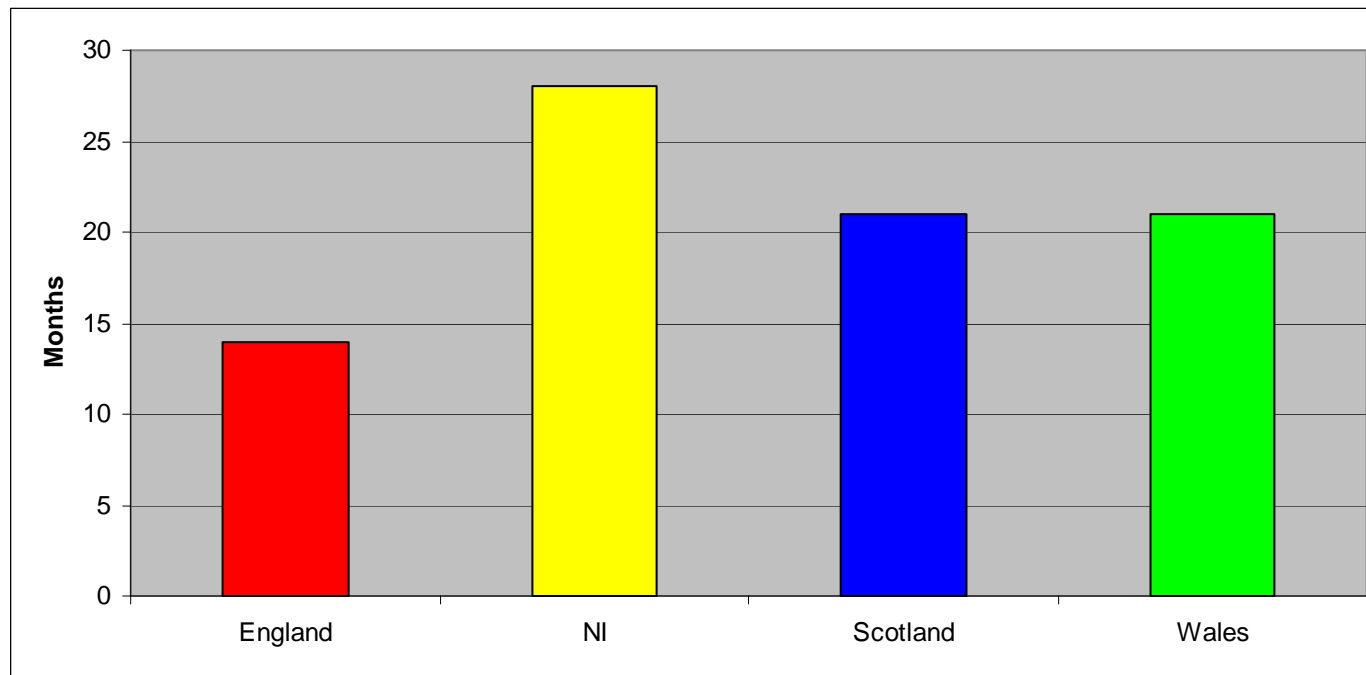


# The Planning Issue

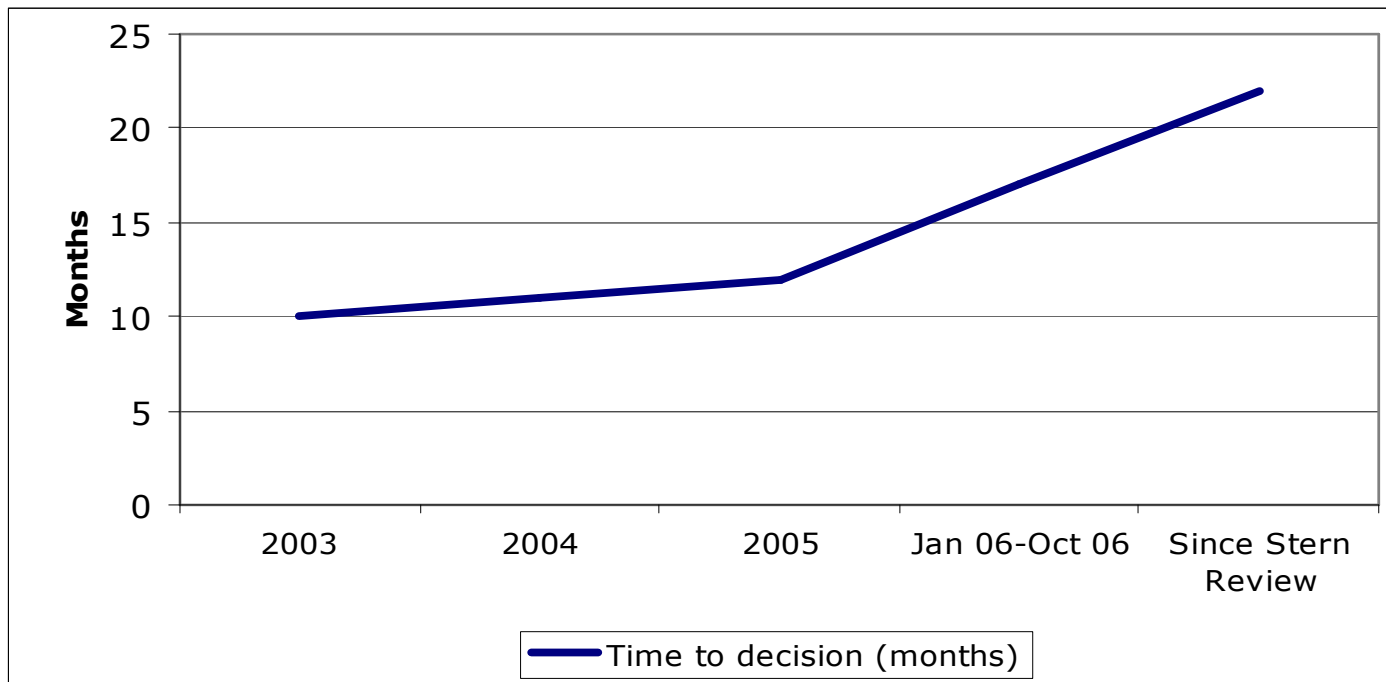
# The Planning Issue: Overall capacity in planning



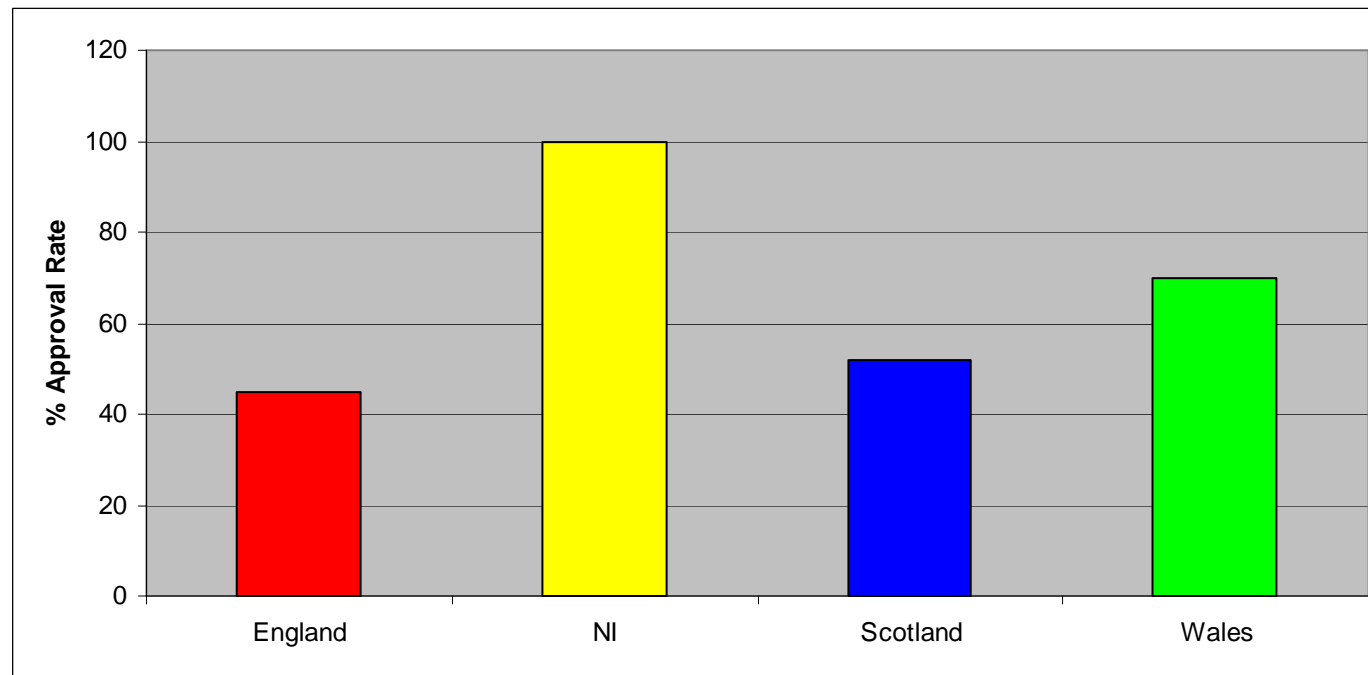
# The Planning Issue: Local decision times May 06 – 07



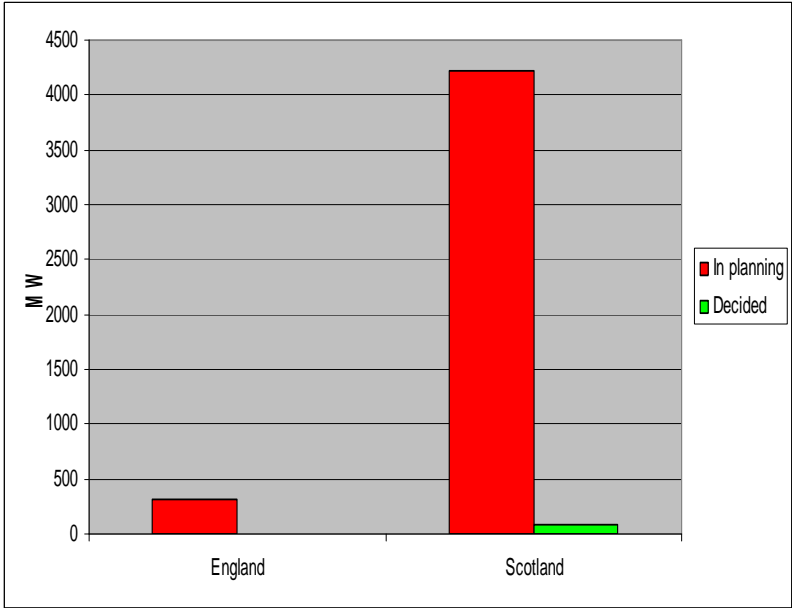
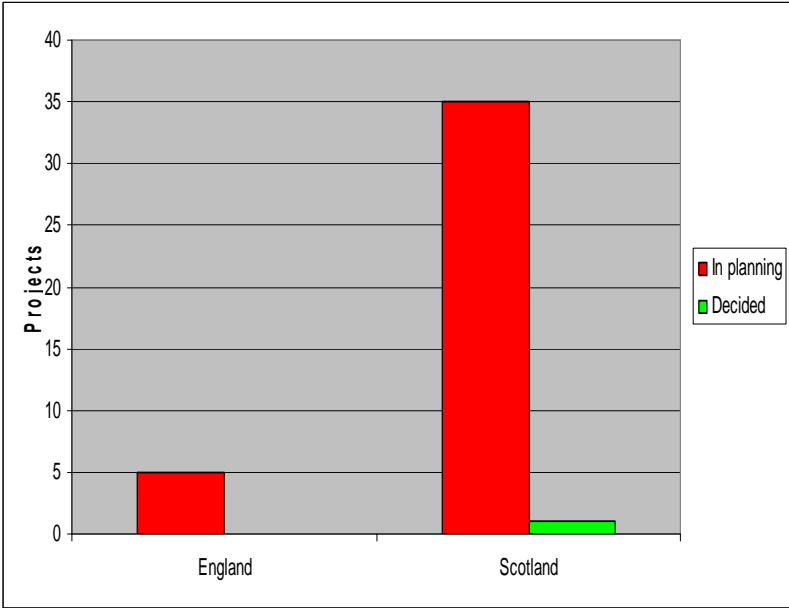
# The Planning Issue: UK local planning decision times



# The Planning Issue: Local approval rate % May 06 – 07



# The Planning Issue: Section 36 Decisions May 06 - 07



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## Planning White Paper South of the Border

- Designed to speed up planning system for major infrastructure
- Key principles:
  - responsive to climate change
  - streamlined, efficient and predictable
  - opportunities for public consultation and community engagement
  - planning system should be transparent and accountable
- Not designed for carbon reduction developments

# Planning Reform: A Solution? Government Proposals

- National Planning Statements (one on RE)
- Independent Planning Commission
  - Needs to be all encompassing for offshore
  - Will not impact 2010 10% - will only effect onshore projects >50MW in England & Wales submitted post 2009/10
- Improvements to inquiry process and timetables for decision making but will they be monitored and enforced.

# Planning Reform: A Solution?

## Impact on Onshore Wind

- 1357MW from 74 projects in England in planning; 60 projects totaling 785MW are LPA
- No positive impact in realizing the Government's target for 10% and negligible impact on onshore
- Risk of continually updating policy - so often misunderstood by decision makers as a reason to delay decision making
- No assertion to encourage decision makers to make prompt decisions in line with existing national policy

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## What is required from planning

- National need at the heart of the decision making process
- Monitoring & enforcement of national policy needed – at the local level and the planning inspectorate
- Accurate information and awareness building for planners & councillors from credible sources outside of industry
- National Political Parties to highlight renewable energy policies to their locally elected members
- Planning resource on a scale to match the contribution onshore wind can make to carbon target
- Create a planning system that encourages investment in a renewables future in the UK