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
- 2 SAC = 10
- 3 SPA = 10
- 4 NNR = 8
- 5 SSSI = 8
- Total = 46

- 1 AONB = 8
- 2 Parkland = 8
- 3 Anc Mon = 8
- 4 Grade 1 Ag = 8
- 5 Gr Water Z1 = 8
- 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