

# South-East England Councils All-Member meeting

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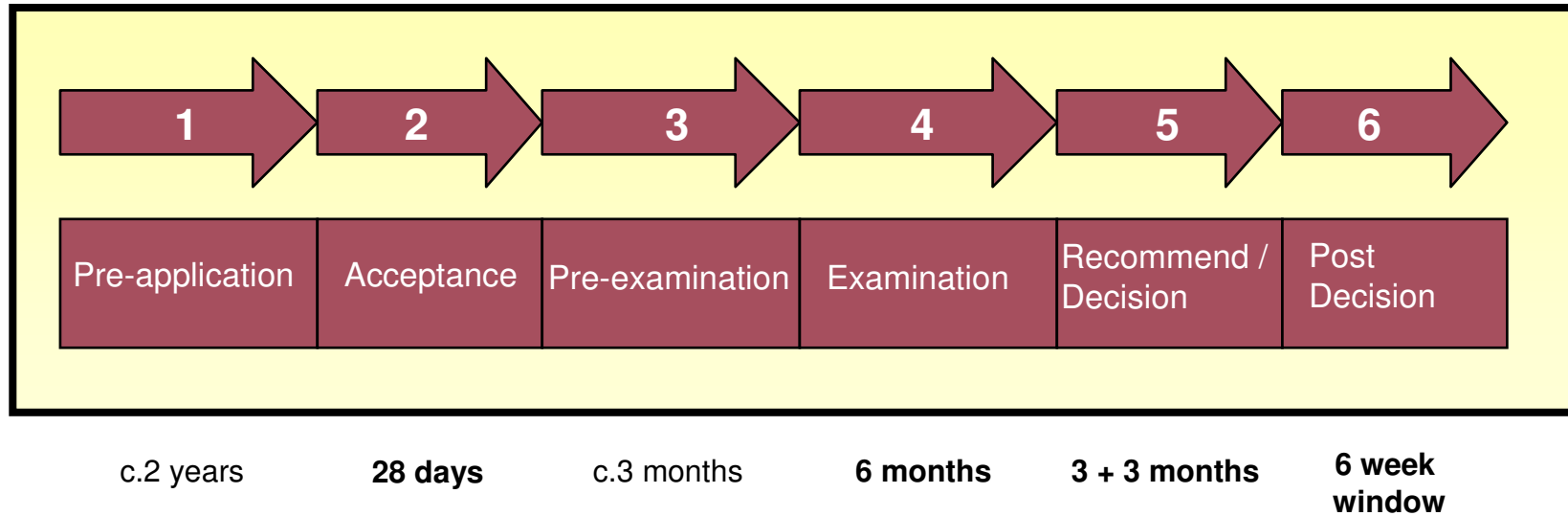
# What I will be covering

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- The infrastructure planning process
- IPC caseload (in the South-East)
- The role of local authorities
- Consenting in a changing environment
- Issues for SEEC Members

# The infrastructure planning process

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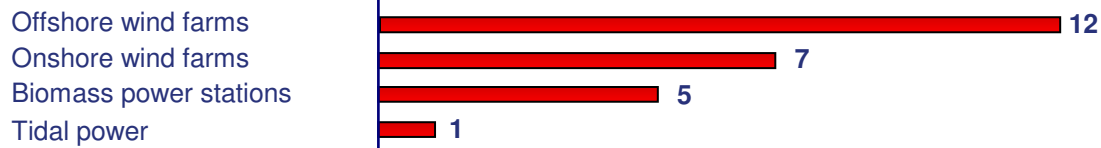
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independent, impartial, inclusive

# IPC caseload

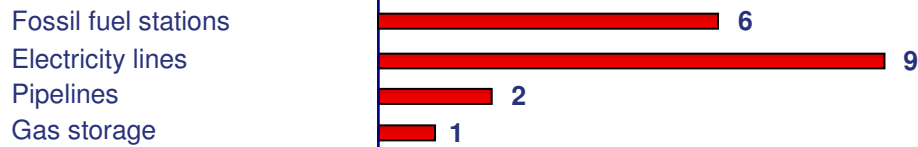
## Renewable Energy (25)



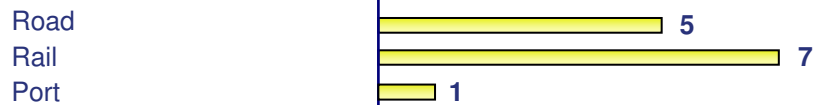
## Nuclear power stations (4)



## Other Energy (18)



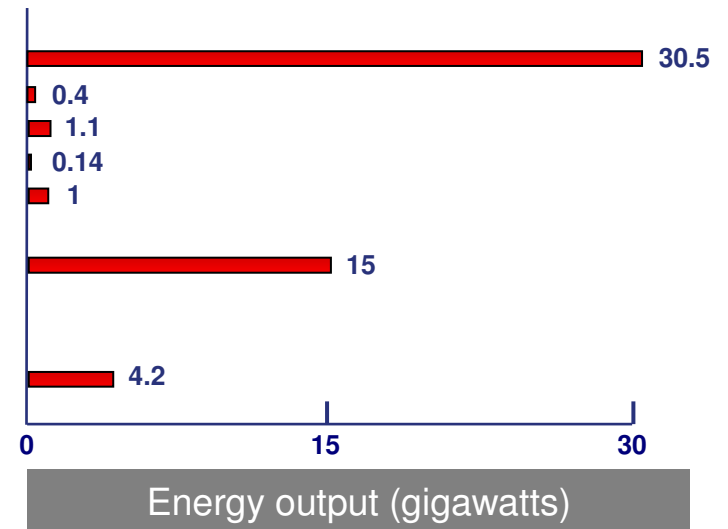
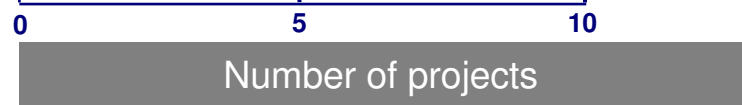
## Transport (12)



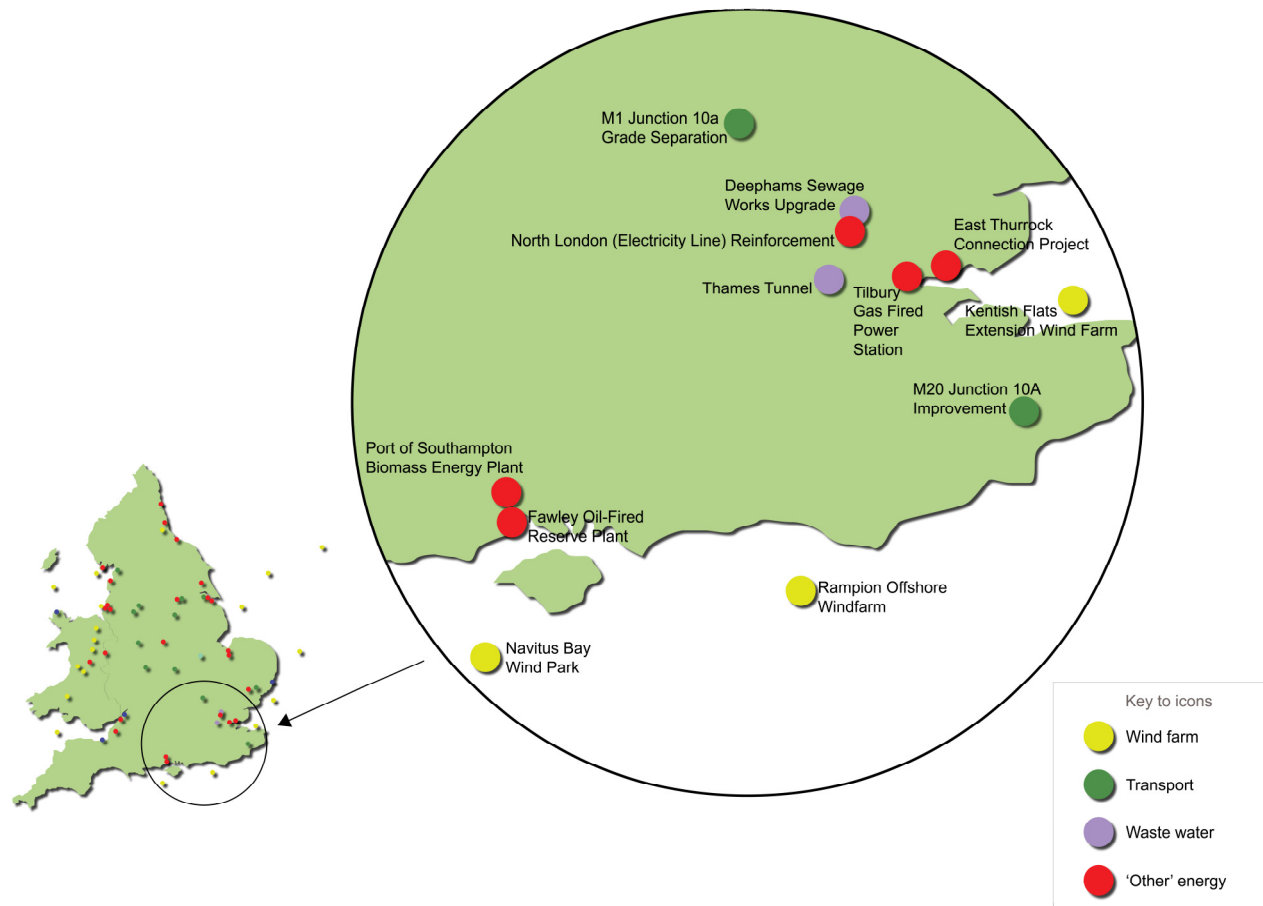
## Waste Water (2)



## Hazardous Waste (1)



# Projects in and around SE England



# The significant role of local authorities

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- Statutory Consultee
- Planning Performance Agreements
- Design of SoCC
- Negotiation of s106 agreements
- Advice on adequacy of consultation
- Local Impact Report
- Enforcement
- Advocacy, assistance, information source: local voice

Resources?



# Consenting in a changing environment

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- Planning reform = continuity in national infrastructure
  - Localism Bill restores final decision to Secretary of State, merges IPC into Planning Inspectorate (PINS) and makes minor process improvements – leaves the Planning Act 2008 regime intact
  - Clear ministerial commitment to seamless transition with no delay to applications in progress
  - New PINS will be lean and externally focused, with minimum necessary changes to people, systems, website etc for national infrastructure
- Importance of National Policy Statements
  - Decisions “in accordance with” NPS subject to exceptions
  - Different rates of progress with NPS drafting and designation

# Issues for SEEC Members

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## – Resources/PPAs

- National infrastructure precedents – EDF, National Grid etc
- Demands of examination stage

## – Inter-authority co-ordination

- With the IPC on timetabling, outreach, examination logistics
- With other local authorities on PPAs, resources, community benefit

## – Community expectations

- Pre-application consultation
- Different perspectives on merits – voice and ownership