Appendix 3 – Tabulated responses to SEA consultation

Section	Consultee Response	Comment	Outcome
2.1	Include Wales Biodiversity Action Plan in review of Plans and programmes	The Wales Biodiversity Strategy will be available in the spring 2014. The Biodiversity Framework for Wales is included within the assessment of plans and programmes. A summary of it is included in Appendix B. It does not affect the assessment framework, guide questions or conclusions.	The content of The Biodiversity Framework has been summarised and included within the Plans and Programmes appendix section of the report
2.2.2	Baseline information should also refer to relevant ecosystem service baseline data which is included within The National Ecosystem Assessment (June 2011).	The National Ecosystem Assessment report has been reviewed. A summary of it is included in Appendix B. It does not affect the assessment framework, guide questions or conclusions.	The content of the Review The National Ecosystem Assessment (June 2011) has been summarised and included within the Plans and Programmes appendix section of the report
2.2.2	Plan should refer to the protection and enhancement of biodiversity and nature conservation designations	SEA Objectives and guide questions already refer to protection and enhancement of biodiversity, including sites designated for nature conservation interest.	It is not considered that further changes are required
2.2.4	Amend Table 2.5 so that it also includes the 2009 Baseline Classification as this represents the level against which any deterioration will be assessed.	The inclusion of the proposed additional and earlier baseline data is not considered to contribute to a more informed assessment of the feasible and preferred options considered in this Addendum; however, would be useful in any subsequent scoping of future WRMPs.	No changes under taken
2.2.4	Amend Table 2.5 so that it also includes the 2012 Baseline	The inclusion of the proposed additional and earlier baseline data is not considered to	No changes under taken

	Classification because it is more up to date.	contribute to a more informed assessment of the feasible and preferred options considered in this Addendum; however, would be useful in any subsequent scoping of future WRMPs.	
2.2.5	Air quality and climate: Include data which demonstrates how levels of critical load exceedences have changed in recent years.	Critical Load exceedences for 5th percentile acidity critical loads and for 5th percentile nutrient nitrogen critical loads have reduced over the last 20 years[1]. It is expected that this trend will continue with areas with no exceedences expanding from the coats to more inland areas. However it is unclear what value this information adds to a strategic assessment of the environmental effects given that the levels of sulphur and nitrogen emitted from operational sites or other identifiable locations will be limited.	No changes have been made to either the environmental baseline or the assessment criteria.
T3.1	Consider that improving the ecological status of water bodies should also be identified as a key issue that is relevant to the Plan.	The key issues were used to develop the assessment framework. CCW and EAW were consulted on the scope of this document prior to its adoption and helped to shape the assessment framework at that time. The assessment framework and the guide questions used are not inconsistent with the WFD and it is not considered that any change to the framework to explicitly refer to the WFD would change the outcome of the assessments. Therefore no change is proposed.	No further action
T3.3	Include guide questions that deal with air quality and climate change in Objectives 1 and 6	The guide questions were agreed with CCW at scoping stage. Given that climate change and its effects have been considered in a dedicated Objective and associated guide questions, it is It	No further action

		is not considered that there would be any further merit in amending the assessment objectives. .Any changes could also introduce inconsistencies between assessments completed in the Environmental Report and those contained in this Addendum.	
S5	Explain how flood risk been taken into account in the assessment of Preferred Options.	The thresholds for flood risk are set out in Appendix C of the Environmental Report. These are based on the Environment Agency flood risk maps, published on the EA website during March 2013. Flood score of 1 indicates option is not within an indicative flood plain; Flood score of 2 indicates option falls within the 1:1000 year indicative flood plain and a Flood score of 3 indicates option falls within the 1:100 year indicative flood plain. It has been assumed for the assessment that only supply options will be at risk of flooding.	No further action
S5	Refer to new EA preliminary flood risk assessments in SEA	None of the deficit zones contain areas for which preliminary flood risk assessments have been undertaken. NFA required	No further action
8206.2	Proposed pipeline route seems to partially run through the Pendine Source Protection Zone 1. Confirm whether it does and how any potential adverse effects will be avoided.	This option no longer forms part of the preferred option.	No further action