

# Environmental Impact Assessment

## An overview



### Stages in an Environmental Impact Assessment

#### 1. SCREENING



#### 2. SCOPING



#### 3. THE ASSESSMENT OF IMPACTS

- a. Defining the 'Effects Zone'
- b. Producing ecological and environmental information
- c. Analysis of impact of development on environment



#### 4. RECOMMENDATIONS FOR MITIGATION



#### 5. PRODUCTION OF AN ENVIRONMENTAL STATEMENT

FACTSHEET

## What is Environmental Impact Assessment?

*"... a statutory procedure that must be followed for certain types of development proposals before they are given development consent."*

The procedure draws together information to enable an assessment of a development's environmental effects to be undertaken. The process ensures that the importance and scale of the predicted effects of a development, along with the scope for reducing its impacts are properly understood by the public and the relevant authorities prior to a Planning Authority deciding on its acceptability.