

Glossary

Baseline situation: Existing environmental situation or condition in the absence of the activity. To measure an impact, we must know what the baseline situation is.

Derelict land: Land so damaged by industrial or other development that it is incapable of beneficial use without treatment. Land that is not in a stable or productive condition

EIA: An environmental impact assessment (EIA) is an analytical process that systematically examines the possible environmental consequences of the implementation of projects, programmes and policies.

Impact : A deviation (a change) from the baseline situation that is caused by the activity

Mitigation: Implementation of measures designed to reduce the undesirable effects of a proposed action on the environment

Reclamation: Returning disturbed lands to a form in which the lands may be of beneficial use

Subsidence: Land subsidence is the lowering of the ground surface from changes that take place underground