

# ***Consultation on RCEP topics for future studies***

***Comments by***

**Northern Ireland Environment Link**

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These comments are agreed by Members, but some members may be providing independent comments as well. If you would like to discuss these comments further we would be delighted to do so.

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Northern Ireland Environment Link has consulted its members and the comments below have been derived from those comments.

From the Northern Ireland perspective we feel that the final two topics; Cost of embedded water and Impacts of low carbon energy on the environment are the most worthy of further work by your Commission at this time. There was also some support for Managing air pollution and the Environmental impact of pharmaceuticals, but these were selected by fewer members.