

Feasibility project review process

- ✓ **Assesement criteria are weighted**
- ✓ **Comment that blind review, with any reviewer with a conflict of interest replaced by another panel member**
- ✓ **Scores are added up and normalised for the number of reviewers (either 3 or 4, but mostly 4).**
- ✓ **Almost everyone asked for the full amount (£25k)**

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- ✓ **Competitive process, where excellence is funded.**
- ✓ **The application, although short, needs referenced - as one would submit to a RC**
- ✓ **In weaker applications, the aims may not be sufficiently explicitly aligned with the purpose of the network (statistics to address the challenges in living with environmental change).**
- ✓ **EPSRC-funded network → more emphasis is expected on the aims synergistic with EPSRC aims, namely here the need for statistical analysis. Environmental science alone is not strongly aligned.**
- ✓ **In weaker applications, excellence can be poorly conveyed e.g. the statistical development needed and / or the novelty of the statistical tools applied are not clear**
- ✓ **If the research need arises from on-going or recently completed research it should be very clear why this need is new and independent of the other activity, including why it cannot be carried out in the other activity.**