

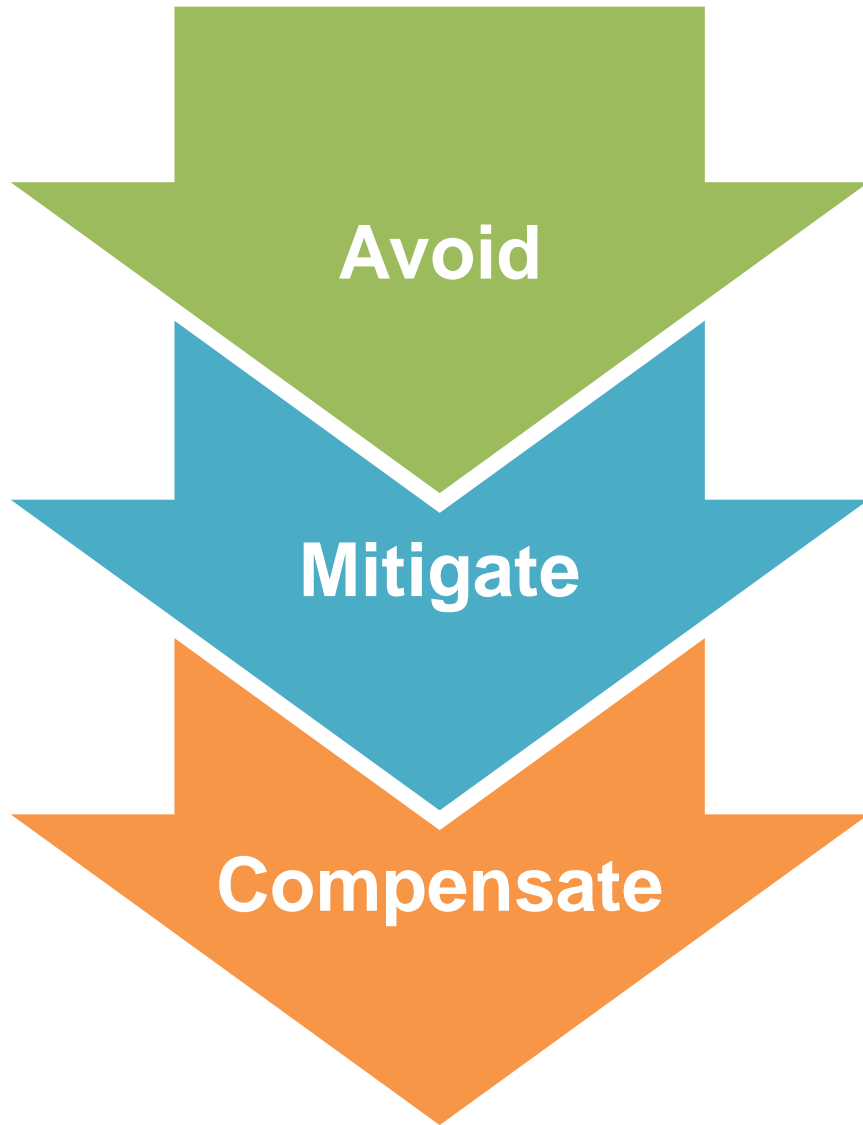
# Context



- **Ambitious economic and environmental goals**
- **Existing mechanisms for assessing impacts of plans and projects on biodiversity:**
  - Applying mitigation hierarchy
  - Compensating for unavoidable impacts
  - Stricter protections for important biodiversity



# Offsetting and the mitigation hierarchy



- **Clarity about the impacts of plans / projects**
- **Exposes costs of impacts**

- **Effectiveness of mitigation**
- **Sheds light on decision-making process**

- **Sufficiency of compensation**
- **Security of compensation**

# Timeline

- NEWP sets out plans for biodiversity offsetting pilots

- Green paper consultation
- First offsets agreed

2011

2012

2013

2014

- Six pilots launched
- NPPF published

- Pilots end and are evaluated

