	POTENTIAL CONTRIBUTION OF ENERGY SYSTEM COMPONENTS	CRITICALITY OF ENERGY SYSTEM COMPONENTS	PERSISTENCY OF IMPACTS	LOCAL IMPACTS	UNCERTAINTY OF IMPACTS	UNCERTAINTY IN DECISION MAKING
HIGH	Significant part of the UK energy system **by 2030**	**Critical** to meet UK 2050 targets **or enabling** role to critical components	Impacts are **permanent** and **irreversible**	**Large installations** or **small** scale installations developed in one location causing a 'step change' in cumulative impacts	**Knowledge** of the nature and scale of impacts is **sparse** and shows considerable **variability**	**Methods** for local and UK-wide decision-making are **emerging** to address impacts from energy system components
MEDIUM	Significant part of the UK energy system **after 2030**	Not Applicable	Impacts are **semi-permanent** or **difficult to reverse**	**Medium** installations or **small** scale installations developed in one location causing linear increases in cumulative impacts	**Knowledge** of the nature and scale of impacts is **maturing** both in terms of quantity and consistency	**Methods** for local and UK-wide decision-making are **fairly advanced** to address impacts from energy system components but is no consensus on their application
LOW	Not a significant part of the UK energy system regardless of the time scale	Neither **critical** to meet UK 2050 targets **nor enabling** other critical components	Impacts are **temporary** or **reversible**	**Small** installations not causing **cumulative impact**	**Knowledge** of the nature and scale of impacts is **well established** and shows considerable **consistency**	**Established methods** for local and UK-wide decision-making to address impacts from energy system components
N/A	Not relevant for this specific energy system component.	Not relevant for this specific energy system component.	Not relevant for this specific energy system component.	Not relevant for this specific energy system component.	Not relevant for this specific energy system component.	Not relevant for this specific energy system component.
DON'T KNOW	I prefer not to respond based on current state of my knowledge	I prefer not to respond based on current state of my knowledge	I prefer not to respond based on current state of my knowledge	I prefer not to respond based on current state of my knowledge	I prefer not to respond based on current state of my knowledge	I prefer not to respond based on current state of my knowledge