

## Mersey Tidal Power Proposal Update June 2011

On 22nd June Peel announced that it is putting the Mersey Tidal Power project on hold for at least the duration of this term of government as the scheme is not financially viable under current renewable energy subsidies. Peel's official press release can be seen here:

<http://www.peelenergy.co.uk/news>.

A preferred option report has been produced on behalf of the Project. This includes the final decision on the type of tidal technology to be used in the Mersey Tidal Power Project. This is available for comment here:

<http://www.merseytidalpower.co.uk/>

It states that, although currently uneconomical, the preferred option for tidal technology on the Mersey came out as a full impoundment barrage. The RSPB have stated "we know this to be the most environmentally destructive type of tidal technology that exists to date, even though Peel have stated in the study that it is broadly environmentally acceptable".

However, for the time being at least, it appears that the Mersey Tidal Power Project will not proceed.