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Dear Mr and Mrs Rogers

Planning Act 2008 (as amended)

Application by Navitus Bay Development Limited for an Order Granting Development Consent for the proposed Navitus Bay Wind Park

How to get involved in the planning process

Thank you for your correspondence dated 30 September 2013.

The Navitus Bay Offshore Wind Park application is yet to be formally submitted to the Planning Inspectorate and is currently at the 'pre-application' stage of the process for making decisions on nationally significant infrastructure projects (NSIPs) under the Planning Act 2008 (the PA2008) regime. The developer currently anticipates that the application will be submitted in Quarter 1 2014. On submission, the Inspectorate will have a 28 day period within which to decide whether or not the application meets the standards required to be formally accepted for Examination. Until this decision is made, your point of contact in relation to the proposed scheme should be the developer - Navitus Bay Development Limited - on the following details: info@navitusbay.com or 01926671592.

Section 47 of the PA2008 places a statutory requirement on developers to consult local communities before submitting to the Inspectorate an application for an order granting development consent. Developers must create and publish a 'Statement of Community Consultation' (SoCC), in consultation with the relevant local authorities, which should set out how they intend to consult the local community. Developers are required to conduct their consultation as set out in the published SoCC, and to demonstrate how they have had regard to any responses received. Developers must then produce and submit to the Inspectorate a 'Consultation Report', as part of the application, which should amongst other things explain how they have consulted the local community in line with their SoCC.

As noted in your letter, the developer is currently conducting phase four of its formal consultation, which closes on **11 October 2013**. I therefore advise submitting your

concerns to the developer before the final phase of consultation closes.

If the application is accepted for Examination, the PA2008 establishes the opportunity for individuals, organisations and other groups to register as 'interested parties' by completing a registration form and submitting a 'Relevant Representation'. Relevant Representation forms can be completed online, and will be available on the project webpages of the Planning Portal, here:

<http://infrastructure.planningportal.gov.uk/projects/south-east/navitus-bay-wind-park-formerly-isle-of-wight/>. It is also possible to call the Inspectorate's customer service desk on 0303 444 5000 to request a paper copy of the registration form. The developer will advertise when and how long the period for registration will be open; which must be a minimum of 28 days.

Relevant Representations should include whether an individual, organisation or other group supports or opposes a scheme and highlight any issues that they may wish to make further detailed representations on later in the Examination stage. All Relevant Representations will be read by the appointed Examining Authority, and in conjunction with its reading of the application documents, will help to inform its 'Initial Assessment of Principal Issues'. If you choose to register to become an interested party, you can include your concerns enclosed in your letter as part of your Relevant Representation. This is the first point at which the Inspectorate will be able to receive submissions on the merits of the proposal from potential interested parties. By registering as an interested party with the Inspectorate, you will be kept informed of key events in the Examination by either email or post, and be invited to engage in the process further by making written representations (and oral representations at any hearings) over the course of a statutory 6 month Examination period.

The Inspectorate has produced a suite of advice notes to help provide an overview of the PA2008 process and to explain how to get involved. Please find enclosed advice notes 1 – 5 with this letter.

Please contact me using the details at the top of this letter if you require further advice or clarification on the content of this letter.

Yours sincerely

James Bunten

James Bunten
Case Officer

Advice may be given about applying for an order granting development consent or making representations about an application (or a proposed application). This communication does not however constitute legal advice upon which you can rely and you should obtain your own legal advice and professional advice as required.

A record of the advice which is provided will be recorded on the Planning Inspectorate website together with the name of the person or organisation who asked for the advice. The privacy of any other personal information will be protected in accordance with our Information Charter which you should view before sending information to the Planning Inspectorate.