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Dear Mr Aston,

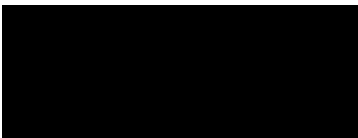
## **PROPOSED RIVER HUMBER GAS PIPELINE REPLACEMENT PROJECT DEVELOPMENT CONSENT ORDER: RESPONSE TO DEADLINE 2**

The Marine Management Organisation (MMO) is an interested party for the examination of Development Consent Order (DCO) applications for Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects (NSIPs) in the marine area.

Please find enclosed as an appendix the MMO's response to the Examining Authority's first round of written questions dated 14 September 2015.

Please note the MMO reserves the right to make further comments on this application throughout the examination process and to modify its present advice or opinion in view of any additional information that may come to our attention.

Yours sincerely,



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Ref No.	Respondent	MMO response
Q 2.1	Marine Management Organisation (MMO); Crown Estate (CE); Applicant	<p>Under what consents would the existing pipeline remain once capped and no longer used and has the Crown Estate, MMO, or any other relevant party agreed to the retention of the old pipeline? If so please supply evidence of those agreements, or demonstrate that they are not required.</p>
Q 2.2	Applicant; Marine Management Organisation (MMO) & Crown Estate (CE)	<p>[APP-031] Scheme Description, Para. 2.11 confirms that the asset life is 40 years for the pipeline and that the tunnel has a 100 year design life. After 40 years, National Grid may look to re-life the asset. Upon eventual decommissioning, the assets would remain in situ, with very minor works required within and immediately adjacent to the AGIs.</p> <p>Applicant - Please clarify what the likely 'minor works' would comprise?</p> <p>MMO &amp; CE – Do you consider that a draft scheme of de-commissioning is necessary now and specifically, if an order were to be granted, when the replacement gas pipeline was no longer required, should it be removed?</p>

<b>Q 14.19</b>	Environment Agency; Marine Management Organisation; North East Lindsay Drainage Board; South Holderness Internal Drainage Board.	Article 16 – Discharge of Water – Are the scope of these provisions the subject of agreement?	The Deemed Marine Licence does not currently capture any activities associated with these works. As such, if any of these activities were a licensable activity under Part 4 (66) of the Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009, a marine licence would need to be sought from the MMO,
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