



Dear Sir/ Madam

As a sustainable development organisation Friends of the Earth UK strongly supports the expansion of the UK renewable energy sector including off-shore wind manufacturing and installation developments. We have consistently supported proposals where these have had minimal **unmitigated** impacts including the ABP/Siemens development on the north bank of the Humber.

We believe that this sector is essential for reducing our carbon emissions in line with the Climate Change Act 2008 and the resulting carbon budgets set to 2026. Offshore wind forms a significant part of a green UK economy and secure energy supply in the future.

Friends of the Earth fully appreciates the advantages of the location of the proposed Able Marine Energy Park. This includes the proximity to Round 3 offshore wind farms in the Hornsea Range and Dogger Bank, the economic benefits to the region by creating local manufacturing jobs as well as reduced carbon emissions that result from a minimisation of transport through creating a manufacturing hub.

The National Policy Statement requires that the decision maker considers the impacts on European sites affected by the Habitat and Species Regulations and whether sufficient measures have been taken to mitigate these impacts and seek alternative sites.

We understand that the developer has consulted with environmental experts and is proposing a permanent as well as a temporary site to compensate the loss of habitat resulting from the development. Given the significance of this habitat to local bird populations we ask for the developers to make detailed information on the proposals for both sites available. We also ask for the Planning Inspectorate to ensure this takes place in a timely manner. This should include an outline as to why a temporary compensation site is necessary in the first place, what the long-term commitment is by the developers including maintaining a high quality of the proposed compensation site.

We believe that the compensation package should be treated as an integral part of the overall design of the proposal. As such it should clearly outline long-term commitment that will ensure the success of the relocation of species. We feel obliged to object to the proposal until the developer has clearly demonstrated best efforts to compensate for lost habitat.

Yours sincerely

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