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Dear Sir

Application for Development Consent by Able Humber Ports Ltd for the proposed Marine Energy Park, Killingholme Marshes, North Lincolnshire

I refer to the above Development Consent Order (DCO) application and the Statement of Common Ground (SoCG) in relation to the Habitats Regulation Assessment (HRA), which is due for submission today.

Unfortunately, the first draft of the SoCG was only received from the applicant for our review last week, and our main technical advisor on these issues is on two weeks annual leave. We are, therefore, unable to enter into this Statement at the current time and advise you of our agreement or otherwise on the issues that fall within our remit.

However we hope it is helpful at this stage to confirm that we defer to Natural England in relation to adverse effects on birdlife and have no submissions to make on this specific issue.

We will continue to work with the applicant in order to progress an update for you as soon as possible, in respect of the issues relevant to the Environment Agency's remit.

Yours faithfully

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