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APPLICATION FOR THE PROPOSED ABLE MARINE ENERGY PARK ON THE SOUTH BANK OF THE RIVER HUMBER AT IMMINGHAM, NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE

PLANNING INSPECTORATE REFERENCE NUMBER: TR030001

Since attending the meeting at Hedon, it has come to my attention the following.

The East Riding of Yorkshire Council and Able UK have reached agreement on most points except on the footpath issue at the compensation site.

Able UK stated at the meeting that they were neutral on the issue of whether the path should be to the base of the flood bank or at the top.

In our communication with Able UK their concern was with the Curlew, however looking through the paperwork we see the curlew is OK and it is the Black Tailed Godwit that is causing the problem with the compensation site. It was Able UK who proposed that the path went at the bottom, and Natural England supported this move.

The Ramblers observe that the compensation site as designed is expected to revert to salt marsh within a few years, and so the public walking on the bank will not disturb the birds feeding, as the Black Tail Godwit only feeds on mud banks.

We also notice that the Black Tail Godwit is a winter visitor, and only stops on site whilst it is in moult, a very short part of the year.

The East Riding of Yorkshire Council proposed 2 footpaths, one at the bottom whilst the birds are in moult, and one at the top for the rest of the year.

They also ask that the southern part of the existing path be kept open to the breach. When Paull was officially opened, 2 days after the gaps were made, half the officials climbed over the wooden fence (erected for health and safety) to look at the channel which had been made.

A difference between Paull and Cherry Cobb Sands is the lack of armour at the new site to protect the breach.

The Ramblers request that the footpath be moved to the top of the flood bank.

Yours

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