

Dear Mr Harris

Please find attached the Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust's (unique ref:) comments on responses to the Examining Authority's written questions in respect of the proposed Able Marine Energy Park (TR030001).

Yours sincerely

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**APPLICATION BY ABLE HUMBER PORTS LTD FOR THE PROPOSED ABLE MARINE
ENERGY PARK**

PLANNING INSPECTORATE REFERENCE NUMBER: TF030001

**COMMENTS ON RESPONSES TO EXAMINING AUTHORITY'S FIRST WRITTEN
QUESTIONS**

The Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust wishes to make the following comments in response to the applicant's responses to Question 5 of the Examining Authority's first written questions.

The Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust has concerns regarding the applicant's responses to Question 5. In 5.2 the applicant states that 'The project documentation does not consider cargoes other than those related to marine energy' and yet then states in 5.4 that 'the applicant would not wish to accept any restriction' on the cargo that the harbour facilities will handle to marine energy infrastructure. The arguments in favour of Imperative Reasons of Over-riding Public Interest (IROPI) relate to the manufacture of components for the offshore renewable energy sector. If the site is to be used for alternative purposes these should also be subject to Environmental Impact Assessment and assessed under the Habitats Regulations as to whether or not the uses are IROPI. To reiterate our comments in 2.1.3 of our Written Representation the Examining Authority must ensure that adequate provisions are made to ensure the area could not be used for purposes that are not of IROPI.

Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust

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