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Dear Mr Harris

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

THE INFRASTRUCTURE PLANNING (EXAMINATION PROCEDURE) RULES 2010 – RULE 17 FURTHER INFORMATION

LINCOLNSHIRE WILDLIFE TRUST UNIQUE REFERENCE NUMBER: 10015513

I refer to the Panel's letter dated 17 October 2012 containing a Rule 17 request for further comments on the Report on the Implications for European Sites. Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust appreciates the opportunity to comment and its response is as follows.

This report appears to be a comprehensive summary of the potential impacts of the Able Marine Energy Park on the Humber Estuary European sites. However, we would query the no likely significant effect given in Matrix 1 for wintering black-tailed godwit as a result of displacement or disturbance. In Table 3.3 of the Statement of Common Ground on the shadow Habitats Regulations Assessment (sHRA) between the applicant, the MMO and Natural England dated 24 August 2012 wintering black-tailed godwit is listed as being significantly affected as a result of disturbance at North Killingholme Marshes and North Killingholme Haven Pits. In addition in Annex E of the sHRA submitted with the application in December 2011 figure 1.7 shows how the numbers of black-tailed godwit recorded in Intertidal Zone E were on a number of occasions over 1% of the SPA population during the winter. As Intertidal Zone E corresponds to the area of mudflat from which there would be a functional loss due to disturbance this indicates that there would be a likely significant effect on wintering black-tailed godwit as a result of displacement or disturbance at Killingholme Marshes.

Yours sincerely


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