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19<sup>th</sup> November 2012

Dear Mike,

**Able Marine Energy Park: TR030001**  
**Written resume of verbal submissions to Issue Specific Hearings on 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> November on behalf of Mr Stephen Kirkwood.**

**12<sup>th</sup> November:** Roger Morris was asked by the panel to comment upon the carrying capacity of the proposed compensation site in comparison with the existing site. He made the point that the projected carrying capacity for waders was wrong because the levels of water being allowed into the Regulated Tidal Exchange were about one 6th of the current levels of water that could enter the site – less water means less organic material delivered which means less food for worms and shellfish which in turn means less food for birds.

**13<sup>th</sup> November:** David Hickling asked whether the Environment Agency and the applicants had reached a formal agreement on the method and materials to be used for the construction of new flood banks at CCS using material excavated from the site itself. He also asked the EA whether it had taken full account of the fact that Sands House Farm would be placed in a higher flood risk zone as a result of the proposed development.

Following on from a question by ABP, David Hickling made some observations about the nature of the examination process, in particular how it has disadvantaged some organisations and individuals due to the amount of material submitted and the lateness of its submission in the examination process. He also observed that some information remains in draft form and that final versions could potentially be submitted which would not be commented upon by most (if not all) interested parties as the cut-off date approaches.

David Hickling also asked why so many changes and amendments had been deemed to be necessary and posed the question as to whether the application was in a fit state to have been validated at the beginning of the examination process

Roger Morris made the point that the site at CCS could take 4-6 years to reach full functionality and that there are no interim proposals for compensation during that period. This could lead to a significant depletion of the Black Tailed Godwits.

In Roger Morris's absence, (during the afternoon session on the 13<sup>th</sup> November) David Hickling drew the Panel's attention to the example from Cardiff Bay set out in the Bright Angel report dated 30<sup>th</sup> October, 2012, and to the sensitivity of the BTGs referred to in paras 4.2, 5.6 and 5.7.

Yours sincerely,

**David Hickling**  
(for Mr Stephen Kirkwood)