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I submitted Buglife's representations regarding the Tilbury 2 application earlier this month and have only just returned from annual leave since the submission was made. Our representation note the support of other organisations, including the Essex Wildlife Trust, Bumblebee Conservation Trust and Essex Field Club.

I have since received written confirmation from the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds that they also support Buglife's standpoint and representations.

Is it too late to submit the attached letter alongside our submission as a further annex?

Many thanks  
Jamie

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Mr Jamie Robins,  
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16 March 2018.

Dear Jamie,

**Re: Tilbury 2**

Thank you for your recent correspondence.

The RSPB are happy to support Buglife's position which highlights the high ecological value of the terrestrial habitat encompassed by the proposed Tilbury2 port development and the need to ensure that its special invertebrate interest is properly safeguarded.

We note that the surveys conducted in 2016/17 recorded a nationally important invertebrate assemblage of 1,397 species, of which 159 are of conservation concern, 2.2% have been identified as rare or threatened and ten species are listed in Section 41 of the Natural Environment and Rural Communities (NERC) Act 2006.

Clearly this up to date information gives further credence to the work that Buglife undertook as part of the *All of a Buzz in the Thames Gateway* project (2005-7) when the site was identified as being of high potential for Thames Terrace invertebrates.

Furthermore, we welcome the recognition given to the nature conservation value of the site by Natural England in their written representations in which they say, "*the overall assemblage could be considered to be of sufficient quality to meet the designation requirements of a Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI).*" This clearly underlines the importance of ensuring that consideration of the Tilbury 2 development places proper weight on conserving the invertebrate assemblage of this site.

Yours sincerely,



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