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Dear Mr Walker

**PLANNING ACT 2008 AND THE INFRASTRUCTURE PLANNING (CHANGES TO, AND REVOCATION OF, DEVELOPMENT CONSENT ORDERS) REGULATIONS 2011 (“THE 2011 REGULATIONS”)**

**APPLICATION TO MAKE A MATERIAL CHANGE TO THE ABLE MARINE ENERGY PARK DEVELOPMENT CONSENT ORDER 2014**

The Secretary of State writes in relation to the Able Marine Energy Park Material Change 2 application (“the application”). This letter sets out the Secretary of State’s decision on an examination of the application and provides confirmation of the Examining Body appointed to examine the application.

The application and supporting documents were published on the National Infrastructure Planning website on 15 July 2021. The period for making a relevant representation opened on 16 July 2021 and the deadline for submitting a relevant representation was 23 August 2021. The relevant representations received by the deadline for responses have been published at:

- <https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/yorkshire-and-the-humber/able-marine-energy-park-material-change-2/?ipcsection=relreps>

Following an initial assessment of the application documents and the nature of the issues that have been raised in the relevant representations, the Secretary of State has decided that an examination is necessary, and that the application should be examined by an Examining Body consisting of a single Inspector. The Secretary of State has decided to appoint Alan Novitzky as the Examining Body.

In taking his decision, the Secretary of State has taken into account your correspondence dated 20 July 2021, sent on behalf of the Applicant, confirming that *“the Applicant is content that the*

*Secretary of State need not decide that an examination it is not necessary under regulation 21A, and that steps can be taken to prepare for an examination now” but also that “ in the unlikely event that there are no substantive objections, [the applicant] reserves the right to request that an examination not be held subsequent to the publication of the representations if it is satisfied that this will not delay its programme”.*

Further details on the examination will be provided by the Planning Inspectorate in due course.

Yours sincerely,

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