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Your Ref: TR030006  
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The Planning Inspectorate National Infrastructure Case  
Team – email only

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Dear Sir/ Madam,

**Re: Application by Able Humber Ports Ltd for a Material Change to the Able Marine Energy Park Development Consent Order 2014**

We thought it would be helpful to the Examining Authority to clarify North Lincolnshire Council's position in relation to the Draft Statement of Common Ground.

NLC have had a good working relationship with the applicant throughout the pre-application process and continue to do so. NLC have been working with the applicant on the submission of a Draft SoCG. However, upon the applicant sharing the Draft SoCG some outstanding issues had been identified and officers from NLC have been working with the applicant to address these matters in order to better assist the Examining Authority. An updated draft has been circulated and NLC are awaiting comments from the relevant consultees on the latest draft.

Relating to the requirement to advise you of our intention or otherwise to make an oral presentation to the Specific Issue Hearings Scheduled for, 11<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> January at the Humber Royal Hotel. NLC do not intend to make an oral submission in either our capacity as an interested party nor as the relevant Local Authority.

However, NLC will be in attendance in order to both observe proceedings and help the Examining Authority in any way if required.

For your further information, this is likely to be NLC's approach throughout the examination process. We will advise, however, in line with the set timetable.

Yours Sincerely,

Rebecca Leggott  
Principal Development Management Officer