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**Your ref:** TR030007  
**Date:** 17 May 2024

Dear Sir/Madam

**Application by Associated British Ports (“the Applicant”) seeking Development Consent for the Proposed Immingham Eastern Ro-Ro Terminal Project (“the Proposed Development”)**

Thank you for inviting the Environment Agency to provide comments on the Habitats Regulations Assessment Derogation Report, submitted by the Applicant on 9 January 2024.

The Environment Agency wishes to defer to Natural England and the Marine Management Organisation for comments on the Derogation Report.

The Outstrays to Skeffling Managed Realignment Scheme is a joint initiative developed by the Environment Agency and Associated British Ports, using a managed realignment approach to create new habitats for wildlife to replace habitat losses in other parts of the Humber estuary. There are currently no existing documents to serve the purpose of an Environmental Monitoring and Maintenance Plan for the scheme and therefore we are supportive of the Secretary of State’s proposal to include a Requirement to secure this, as drafted in your letter of 9 May 2024, if he thinks this is necessary.

Should you require any additional information, or wish to discuss these matters further, please do not hesitate to contact me at the number below.

Yours faithfully

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