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Dear Sir/Madam,

MMO Marine Planning and Marine Licensing response to Proposed Submission East London Joint Waste Plan Regulation 19

Thank you for giving us the opportunity to comment on the East London Joint Waste Plan. The comments provided within this letter refer to the document entitled Proposed Submission East London Joint Waste Plan Regulation 19.

As the marine planning authority for England, the MMO is responsible for preparing marine plans for English inshore and offshore waters. At its landward extent the Marine Plan boundaries extend up to the level of the mean high water spring tides mark (which includes the tidal extent of any rivers), there will be an overlap with terrestrial plans which generally extend to the mean low water springs mark.

Marine plans will inform and guide decision makers on development in marine and coastal areas. Planning documents for areas with a coastal influence may wish to make reference to the MMO's licensing requirements and any relevant marine plans to ensure the necessary considerations are included. In the case of the document stated above, the [South East Marine Plan](#) is of relevance. The plan was published for public consultation on 14th January 2020, at which point it became material for consideration. The South East Marine Plan was adopted June 2021, alongside the North East, North West, and South West. The South East Marine Plan covers the area from Landguard Point in Felixstowe to Samphire Hoe near Dover, including the tidal extent of any rivers within this area.

All public authorities taking authorisation or enforcement decisions that affect or might affect the UK marine area must do so in accordance with the Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009 and any relevant adopted Marine Plan, in this case the [South East Marine Plan](#), or the [UK Marine Policy Statement](#) (MPS) unless relevant considerations indicate



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otherwise. Local authorities may also wish to refer to our [online guidance](#), [Explore Marine Plans](#) and the [Planning Advisory Service soundness self-assessment checklist](#).

Marine Licensing

The Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009 states that a marine licence is required for certain activities carried out within the [UK marine area](#).

The MMO is responsible for [marine licensing](#) in English waters and for Northern Ireland offshore waters.

The marine licensing team are responsible for consenting and regulating any activity that occurs “below mean high water springs” level that would require a marine licence. These activities can range from mooring private jetties to nuclear power plants and offshore windfarms.

Specific Comments

The inspector may seek reference to the [South East Marine Plan](#) which the relevant authorities for the East London Joint Waste Plan sit within.

They may also seek reference to the requirement for decision makers, such as yourselves, to take the marine policy statement and marine plans into account under the Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009.

These are recommendations and we suggest that your own interpretation of the South East Marine Plan is completed. We would also recommend you consult the following references for further information: [South East Marine Plan](#) and [Explore Marine Plans](#).

Yours sincerely,



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