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[By email only]

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Our Ref: E3164

Dear Sir Roger,

Re: Kent Wildlife Trust

I am contacting you in response to your letter, dated 27 July 2026, to [REDACTED], CEO of the Marine Management Organisation (MMO), regarding a marine licence for Nemo Link, reference number L/2013/00373/5. MMO note you included the email addressed to you from Kent Wildlife Trust. I am responding in my capacity as Head of Marine Licensing Operations.

MMO's purpose is the protection and enhancement of the marine environment whilst supporting economic growth by enabling sustainable marine activities and development.

Following previous engagement with Kent Wildlife Trust, we have reviewed the licence and the advice from the Environment Agency (EA), Natural England (NE) and the Centre for Environment, Fisheries and Aquaculture Science (Cefas). MMO considers that it made an error in approving the discharge of the condition in the licence that dealt with the monitoring, mitigation [and remediation] of the salt marsh habitat. I would like to assure you that we have provided training to the team to ensure instances such as this do not happen in future.

MMO is therefore minded to exercise its powers, under the Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009, to vary the licence to require appropriate monitoring, mitigation, and remediation. Nemo Link will first be given an opportunity to present any further information they may have with regards to the proposal to vary. In making a decision to vary the licence, we will consider any comments from Nemo Link and any advice from relevant stakeholders and primary advisers such as EA, NE and Cefas. We have written to the licence holder to inform them of this.

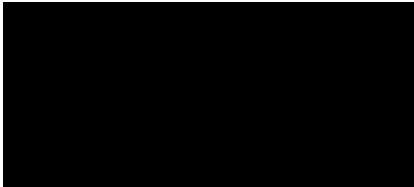
MMO will work with EA, NE and Cefas once we receive a response from the licence holder regarding the proposal to vary the licence. We will include Kent Wildlife Trust in a request to provide a consultation comment for any future monitoring requirements. Kent Wildlife Trust



had, prior to their communication with you, received information from MMO via an Access to Information request in April 2026, in which 63 data files regarding Nemo Link were shared.

Thank you for bringing this matter to our attention. Please do not hesitate to get in touch should you require anything further.

Yours sincerely,



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