
From: Andrew Brown
Sent: Thursday, June 28, 2012 1:12 PM
To: Able Marine Energy Park
Cc: Martin Rees
Subject: Representation in respect of proposed Able Marine Energy Park
Importance: High

Dear Sirs

We write as the directors of Groveport Logistics Limited, the owners and operators of Groveport, being a large port complex on the River Trent. We consider ourselves to be a significant Humber port and, as such, we are extremely concerned that we have not been consulted whatsoever in respect of the above proposal.

Having heard very brief details in the local media and then discussed this matter with fellow port operators, it has become apparent in recent days that this proposal goes much further than a single use facility in respect of offshore wind technology. Having read some of the representations on the website, it is apparent that we have severe grounds for concern.

Having not been consulted, we have not had the opportunity to consider this in full detail, take appropriate professional advice and then make a detailed representation. However, we wish to register our interest and concern at the earliest opportunity and to be included in any future correspondence.

We intend to take professional advice and then submit a detailed representation, but let us make clear now that our main concern is that the proposed Development Consent Order and related documents appear to facilitate the development of a considerable general purpose port facility that could be disastrous to existing port operators in the Humber area.

Having read some of the representations filed online, it appears that the Environmental Statement assesses the proposed development as an exclusively wind energy facility, but the Development Consent Order does not apply this restriction. If this is the case then it would appear that the Wind Energy element of the proposal is being used to counteract environmental concerns that a proposed general purpose port development would undoubtedly encounter.

Please acknowledge receipt of this email and our inclusion in the attendance list for the Specific Issue Hearing on Thursday 12th July 2012.

Yours faithfully

Martin Rees
Managing Director

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