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Dear Mr Woods

I am writing to underline my support for the Humber AMEP port development. I am writing in my capacity as Chair of the Sheffield City Region LEP Property & Construction Sector Group and as a partner in Nabarro LLP.

As a region we would like central government to note that we see the growth of facilities on the East coast as specifically beneficial to the Sheffield City Region and the worldwide export of our regional products and services.

As a region we are working closely with our adjacent LEPs to develop conjoined benefit for our economies and this letter is to request a positive determination for the AMEP development.

Research indicates that the economic benefit that the AMEP port will provide shall extend far beyond the immediate hinterland of the Humber.

Many SCR businesses are anticipating engaging directly with the construction opportunities of this £450m development and the establishment of an offshore wind cluster will significantly strengthen our regional supply chain corridor to the burgeoning Energy sector.

The Humber Renewables opportunity has already created meaningful business opportunities for some companies in South Yorkshire and Universities in the region i.e. Controls Department at University of Sheffield Vestas, and Siemens.

Going forward RenewableUK have evaluated that there are 973 offshore turbines generating 3.3GW of power in UK waters with a government target of 11.5GW by 2020 and 16GW by 2030 indicating significant future business opportunities.

The North of England needs these headline projects and the renewed business confidence, growth and investment this will generate.

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We feel Offshore wind will play is a major part our mix of future energy requirements and we need to make sure that UK businesses will get the benefit from that.

We now hope after months of uncertainty we can expect the positive decision for the AMEP port and we look forward to a positive outcome for their proposal.

Yours sincerely



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