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Dear Mr Woods

APPLICATION BY ABLE HUMBER PORTS LIMITED FOR AN ORDER GRANTING DEVELOPMENT CONSENT FOR THE ABLE MARINE ENERGY PARK

LINCOLNSHIRE WILDLIFE TRUST UNIQUE REFERENCE NUMBER: 10015513

The Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust has been notified by the Planning Inspectorate that Able Humber Ports Limited have written to the Department for Transport providing the information requested in the Department's letter of 28 August 2013 in relation to the above development. We understand that comments are invited from interested parties on the matters in the letter from Able Humber Ports Limited dated 15 October 2013 and associated documents only, and that comments should be sent directly to the Department for Transport.

The Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust wishes to place on record its support for the comments made by the RSPB in response to this additional information. Given the high levels of uncertainty and associated risk represented by the proposed compensation the Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust maintains its objection to this development because we expect it to have adverse impacts on the integrity of the international and nationally important Humber Estuary. It would be totally unacceptable to destroy mudflat habitat used by internationally important numbers of black-tailed godwits and significant numbers of other Special Protection Area bird species without certainty that the compensation package will function sufficiently.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this additional information.

Yours sincerely

Elizabeth Biott Conservation Officer