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Dear Mr Smith

**DC 8724 Wells Harbour Channel Deepening and Jetty Construction –
notification of Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) consent decision**

I am writing to notify you of the Marine and Fisheries Agency's (MFA) decision to grant EIA consent in relation to the above project under Regulation 22 of the Marine Works (EIA) Regulations 2007. The full details of the decision are set out in the attached EIA consent decision document.

This decision follows applications for a licence under section 5 of the Food and Environment Protection Act 1985 (FEPA) and for consent under section 34 of the Coast Protection Act 1985 (CPA).

In making the EIA consent decision the Appropriate Authority has paid regard to:

- a) the information provided in the applications,
- b) the Environmental Statement and additional information subsequently submitted to supplement that statement;
- c) the relevant legislation;
- d) representations from consultation bodies and the public, including in particular, representations on the potential impacts; and
- e) the direct and indirect effects of the project on human beings, fauna, flora, soils, water, air climate, the landscape, material assets and the cultural heritage.

Following this, the MFA have concluded that the marine components of the project will not have a significant adverse effect on the environment. This is because they agree with the findings of the Environmental Statement subject to the inclusion of the conditions listed within the attached EIA consent decision. These conditions would reduce the principal adverse effects of the project.

Following this conclusion, the Appropriate Authority has concluded that the Wells Harbour Project as a whole will have no significant adverse environmental impact and have therefore given EIA consent to the project, subject to the inclusion of the specified conditions in the FEPA licences and/or CPA consent.

Under Part 2, section 4 (c) of the MWRs, where an EIA is required in relation to a regulated activity unless the appropriate authority has given EIA consent (i) the regulator must not grant a regulatory approval in respect of the regulated activity. In granting any regulatory approval for the dredging works you must give regard to the conditions set out the in attached EIA consent.

Yours sincerely

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Marine Consents Manager