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Dear Mr. Lewis

Thank you for your letter dated 9<sup>th</sup> October 2013 with your enclosed letters to Marine management Organisation objecting to the continuation of dredging operations off the great Yarmouth Coastline by Hanson Aggregates Marine Ltd for a further 15 years Ref. MLA/2013/00306 and Ref. MLA/2013/00338.

You will by now have received my objection to these continued offshore dredging operations by E-mail.

You ended your letter “please do not hesitate to contact me about this, or any other matter”; you may recall that I previously asked if you could raise this matter in parliament and if a levy could be placed on these dredging operations, which are removing massive amounts of material from our coastal seabed altering the natural sediment flux to our beaches, to help pay for beach sand retaining/replenishment measures and coastal defences.

The sea bed off this coastline is mobile and further dredging deepening the sea bed in these dredged areas will draw material from adjacent seabed areas which eventually results in beach draw –down causing severe erosion of the adjacent coastline.

The deeper water caused by these dredging operations adjacent to this coastline also increases the onshore wave force and consequently accelerates this coastal erosion.

Loss of our beaches by beach draw-down and lack of replenishment by the long shore drift sediment flux is not only causing accelerated coastal erosion it will be very detrimental to our holiday industry.

Yours sincerely  
Mike King – MARINET Great Yarmouth

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