



# Marine Management Organisation

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Dear Mr Eades,

## **Magnox Limited and Blackwater Estuary Marine Conservation Zone (MCZ)**

Thank you for your recent query to Dickon Howell regarding consultation on the discharge permits for Bradwell nuclear power station. It was felt I was best placed to respond and I have answered your queries in the order in which you submitted them.

### **Query 1: Consultation prior to the issuing of the original 2014 permit as to the impact on the discharges on the Blackwater, Crouch, Roach and Colne Estuaries Marine Conservation Zone (MCZ).**

The Marine Management Organisation (MMO) is not routinely consulted on applications for discharge permits. The discharge permits fall under the remit of the Environment Agency (EA). In this case the EA consulted Natural England (NE), the statutory nature conservation body for its advice on the application in relation to the MCZ. The MMO was not consulted prior to the issuing of the original 2014 permit.

### **Query 2: Consultation on the 2015 permit application and its impact on the Blackwater, Crouch, Roach and Colne Estuaries MCZ.**

Similarly to the original 2014 permit, the MMO was not consulted on the proposed extension to the existing permit. Other partners and stakeholders of the EA, such as NE, were consulted to provide statutory advice regarding the conservation objectives set out in the MCZ designation.

I hope this information is useful, please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any further queries.

Yours sincerely

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