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For the attention of: Mr. D. C. Spooner, Regulatory Advisor (Maine Minerals Team),  
Marine and Fisheries Agency, 3-8 Whitehall Place, London SW1A 2HH.

Dear Mr. Spooner, Marine Aggregate Licence Decision : Areas 202/436.

We have been in correspondence with Mr. Nigel Bayliss concerning the marine licence aggregate decision for Areas 202/436, please see a copy of our letter of 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2007 to Mr. Bayliss and a copy of his reply dated 11<sup>th</sup> July 2007.

We draw your attention to items 1, 2 and 3 in our letter of 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2007. We do not believe that these matters have been properly addressed by your department in the determination of the renewal of the licence for Area 202 and the expiry of the licence for Area 436. Accordingly, we are asking you to investigate these specific matters to determine whether you believe that our concerns have foundation.

Specifically, we ask that you to establish:

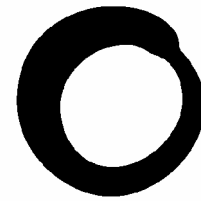
1. Whether the loss of seabed recorded in Area 436 – see item 1 in our letter of 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2007 – has been properly assessed for its wider significance in terms of the aggregate resource in the Great Yarmouth block of licences as a whole.
2. Whether the remaining depth of seabed in Area 436 – see item 2 in our letter of 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2007 – has been properly assessed now that the licence for Area 436 has expired.
3. Whether a proper monitoring regime to assess the environmental impact of dredging in Area 436 – see item 3 in our letter of 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2007 – has been properly established upon the expiry of the licence for Area 436.

We ask you to undertake the above tasks because we believe that none of them has been properly fulfilled. If this is so, we believe that the these matters are in breach of the licensing regime set out in Marine Minerals Guidance Note 1.

We would be grateful for your advice.

Yours sincerely

S. D. Eades  
On behalf of  
MARINET.



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