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Dear Mr Eades

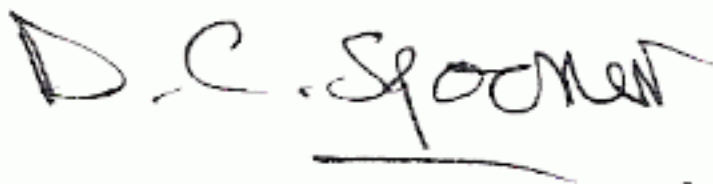
## **FAVOURABLE GOVERNMENT VIEW FOR AREA 401/2 OFF THE NORFOLK COAST**

I refer to your two letters of 7 July, one addressed to my colleague, Nigel Bayliss, and one addressed to me, concerning the favourable Government View (GV) that was issued on 11 April by the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government for Area 401/2 off the Norfolk coast.

My colleague Nigel Bayliss responded to you on 26 July addressing the issues you raised about this decision and I can only confirm that the Secretary of State's decision letter of 11 April is a full exposition of her reasons for granting a favourable GV in this case.

I would particularly draw your attention to paragraphs 10 and 11 of her decision letter which explain that she carefully considered the views of the objectors to this proposal; that their objections were not substantiated by any scientific evidence or supported by the Government's statutory advisors on the marine environment; that these statutory advisors, including the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, are satisfied that marine minerals dredging off the Norfolk coast is not adversely affecting the coastline; and that all of them, based on their scrutiny of the scientific evidence submitted on this case, were content for a favourable GV to be issued.

Yours sincerely



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