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Dear Mr Eades

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

I am very sorry that I have not been able to reply sooner to your letter of 28 August concerning the favourable Government View issued on 11 April by the former Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government for Area 401/2 off the Norfolk Coast.

I can only re-iterate that the Secretary of State carefully considered all the comments that Marinet and all other parties submitted on this application and that, taking into account the advice she received from her scientific advisers on the marine environment, she concluded that the proposal would not affect the coast or significantly affect the marine environment and that a favourable Government View should be issued.

There is no right of appeal against her decision but, if you feel that it was not properly made or failed to take account of relevant considerations or that published or established procedures were not followed, you could consider challenging it in the courts. Such challenges must be made expeditiously and, at the latest, should usually be made within 3 months of the decision being issued but it is possible for the courts to allow challenges to be made beyond this period if justified by special circumstances. I would strongly advise that you seek your own independent legal advice before pursuing such a course of action.

Yours sincerely

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