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Dear Mr Eades,

The Environmental Impact Assessment and Natural Habitats (Extraction of Minerals by Marine Dredging) (England and Northern Ireland) Regulations 2007

Dredging Application by Westminster Gravels Limited to Extract Coarse Sand Aggregate from Area 457 in Liverpool Bay

I refer to the views you have previously expressed on this application and now enclose for your information the attached letter, draft decision and Schedule of Conditions addressed to Westminster Gravels Limited concerning a proposal to extract up to 18 million tonnes (mt) of coarse sand aggregate from Area 457 over a 15 year period at a rate of up to 1.2 mt per annum. Area 457 is located approximately 25 km from the northwest coast of England and 28 km from the north coast of Wales.

The Secretary of State is requesting a response only from Westminster Gravels Limited as applicant. The letter and attachments are sent to you for information only.

Yours sincerely



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Marine Environment Team