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Hanson Marine Aggregates application to continue dredging operations off Great Yarmouth coastline Ref: MLA/2013/00119

Dear Sir/Madam

I am writing to confirm MARINET objections to the above application to continue dredging off the Great Yarmouth coastline for a further 15 years.

In our opinion these areas are already over dredged and further dredging deepening the sea bed increases the onshore wave force resulting in removal of beach sand and shore line steepening which accelerates coastal erosion.

MARINET objections are detailed in section 3.3 of the Anglian Offshore Dredging Association (AODA) Marine Aggregates Regional Environmental Assessment (MAREA) compiled by *EMU for the AODA, this MAREA examined the cumulative impact and effects of offshore dredging for the East Anglian Region.

What is the point of preparing and issuing these regional environmental assessments impact reports, which study the cumulative effect of offshore dredging in addition to your individual Environmental Impact Assessments if no notice is taken of their findings.

This increasing and recent very significant loss of beach sand has already caused very severe erosion along this coastline with Hopton and Hemsby in particular badly affected.

Further evidence of the correlation between the increasing amounts of seabed material removed by offshore dredging and the accelerated erosion of the Great Yarmouth are coastline can be found on MARINET web site www.marinet.org

Yours sincerely - For and on behalf of MARINET Mike King

*The East Anglian Region MAREA Stakeholders consultation meeting with MARINET took place on 9th September 2010 at the Waterside Restraint Rollesby Norfolk EMU Reps. were Justina Southworth and Kim Bridge. MARINET Reps. were Pat Gowen and Mike King.

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