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Dear Sir/Madam,

Many thanks for giving us the opportunity to respond to the Ipswich Local Plan Review Final Draft. Please find attached our response letter. The first page contains general marine planning information and legal responsibilities. Page two briefly details specific consideration for the Local Plan, and clarifying wording.

In addition to this, if you would like further information on the South East or East Marine Plans, I would be happy to provide a meeting covering general information on marine planning, monitoring and implementation of the marine plans, tools for implementation and an update on the development of marine plans in England.

Please do not hesitate to get in touch if you have any questions.

Kind regards,

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The public consultation on the draft North East, draft North West, draft South East and draft South West Marine Plans is open until 6 April 2020. Make your representations by following the links.

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Dear Sir/Madam,

MMO Marine Planning and Marine Licensing response to Ipswich Local Plan Review Final Draft Consultation

Thank you for giving us the opportunity to comment on the Ipswich Local Plan Review Final Draft Consultation. The comments provided within this letter refer to the document entitled Ipswich Local Plan Review Final Draft Consultation.

As the marine planning authority for England, the MMO is responsible for preparing marine plans for English inshore and offshore waters. At its landward extent the Marine Plan boundaries extend up to the level of the mean high water spring tides mark (which includes the tidal extent of any rivers), there will be an overlap with terrestrial plans which generally extend to the mean low water springs mark.

Marine plans will inform and guide decision makers on development in marine and coastal areas. Planning documents for areas with a coastal influence may wish to make reference to the MMO's licensing requirements and any relevant marine plans to ensure the necessary considerations are included. In the case of the document stated above, the draft South East Marine Plan is of relevance. The South East Marine Plans cover the area from Landguard Point in Felixstowe to Samphire Hoe near Dover, including the tidal extent of any rivers within this area.

All public authorities taking authorisation or enforcement decisions that affect or might affect the UK marine area must do so in accordance with the Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009 and any relevant adopted Marine Plan, in this case the draft South East Marine Plan.



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or the [UK Marine Policy Statement \(MPS\)](#) unless relevant considerations indicate otherwise. Local authorities may also wish to refer to our [online guidance, Explore Marine Plans](#) and the [Planning Advisory Service soundness self-assessment checklist](#).

Marine Licensing

The Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009 states that a marine licence is required for certain activities carried out within the [UK marine area](#). The MMO is responsible for marine licensing in English waters and for Northern Ireland offshore waters.

The marine licensing team are responsible for consenting and regulating any activity that occurs “below mean high water springs” level that would require a marine licence. These activities can range from mooring private jetties to nuclear power plants and offshore windfarms.

Summary notes

Please see below suggested policies from the East Inshore and East Offshore Marine Plans that we feel are most relevant to your local plan.

These suggested policies have been identified based on the activities and content within the document entitled above. They are provided only as a recommendation and we would suggest your own interpretation of the South East and East Marine Plans is completed:

- [South East Marine Plan](#) policies which may be of relevance:
 - Heritage assets (SE-HER-1), Employment (SE-EMP-1), Air Quality (SE-AIR-1), Biodiversity policies, Cross border co-operation (SE-CBC-1)
- [East Marine Plan](#) policy areas to consider: Governance, Economy, Social, Ecology, and Biodiversity.

Further points to note

Section 8.78: You refer to the South East Inshore Marine Plan. This is currently out for consultation until 6th April 2020. As the plan is out for consultation, it is now a document for material consideration. We would recommend you mention the [draft South East Marine Plan](#) here.

To clarify, the previous engagement periods were not formal consultation, they formed the iterations. Also, there is only one plan for the area in the South East, not an inshore and offshore plan as there is for other areas.

The [East Inshore and East Offshore Marine Plans](#) were adopted in 2014, which covers the adjacent areas, and the north bank of the Orwell. Please ensure correct reference to the South East and East marine plan areas where included.

As previously stated, these are recommendations and we suggest that your own interpretation of the draft South East Marine Plans is completed. We would also recommend you consult the [Explore Marine Plans](#), our marine planning portal, for further information.

Yours sincerely,

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