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Dear Paul Fellows,

MMO Marine Planning response to consultation on North York Moors National Park Authority Local Plan - Publication of the Pre-Submission Draft Local Plan.

Thank you for giving us the opportunity to comment on the submission of the **North York Moors National Park Authority Local Plan Pre-Submission Draft**. The comments provided within this letter refer to the document entitled consultation **Local Plan Pre-Submission Draft**.

Please ensure this response is read in its entirety as specific comments relating to your consultation can be found in the second section of this document.

Part one – Overview of marine planning and Marine Management Organisation functions

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 from the mean high water spring tides mark (which includes the tidal extent of any rivers and estuary) to the inshore (up to 12nm) and offshore (12 to 200nm or the Exclusive Economic Zone) waters; there is an overlap with terrestrial plans which generally extend from 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.



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

Part 2 - Specific comments relating to your consultation

We would like to thank you for making reference to the Marine Management Organisation and including a definition of Marine Plan within your local plan pre-submission draft.

We welcome the acknowledgment and continued reference to the cultural, social, economic and environmental importance of coastal and marine areas.

In Strategic Policy G, we welcome the consideration of Seascapes and the reference to their importance in section 4.9.

In the explanatory text (4.22) of Strategic Policy H, we welcome reference to marine habitats and Runswick Bay Marine Conservation Zone.

The inclusion of coastal and bathing waters in Policy ENV7 is also welcomed.

Within the document out for consultation **Local Plan Pre-Submission Draft**, we recommend considering the inclusion of the following:

1. In Appendix 4 – Glossary (page 135) you provide a definition for marine plan. We recommend the inclusion of reference to the [Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009](#) and [UK Marine Policy Statement \(MPS\)](#) in this definition. The addition of wording to reference the forthcoming [North East Marine Plan](#) (relevant to the coastal extent of the North York Moors National Park) is also recommended. See part one above for an appropriate definition of the MMO and Marine Plan.
2. In the explanation of Strategic Policy F (page 38 & 39) you make reference to erosion and coastal defences in relation to climate change. We recommend the inclusion of reference to 2.6.7 and 2.6.8 of the Marine Policy Statement in regards to the consideration of adaption, mitigation, coastal change and flooding due to climate change.
3. In regard to the reference to seascape in Strategic Policy G 4.9, we recommend the inclusion of reference to 2.6.5 of the Marine Policy Statement in the explanatory text.

4. Strategic Policy J may have an impact on the marine area in terms of development and activity, we recommend referencing the Marine Policy Statement (3.11) as a consideration in these policies.

Please note that these comments are provided only as a recommendation and that your own interpretation of the [Marine Policy Statement](#) should be completed. You may find our [online guidance](#), our [online Marine Information System](#) and the [Planning Advisory Service soundness self-assessment checklist](#) helpful in completing your interpretation of the Marine Policy Statement.

Once again, thank you for providing the opportunity to comment.

Yours sincerely,

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