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Dear Mr Stewart Rowe,

**The Marine Works (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2007, as amended ("the Regulations")  
Request for a screening opinion - Whitby Pier repairs and improvement works.**

Thank you for your application dated 30 Apr 2012, requesting a formal screening opinion from the Marine Management Organisation (MMO) in respect to Whitby Pier Repair and improvement works.

**Background**

It is our normal procedure to consider such applications in compliance with our obligations under the Regulations.

In considering of these Regulations, the MMO must determine whether the works envisaged are a project listed in Annex 1 (for which an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) is mandatory) or an Annex II project within the Directive.

If the works are determined to be an Annex II project, consideration should be given to the nature of the project, having regard to its size, the scope of the works and its location. This will assess the potential for it to have a significant effect on the environment and take account of a range of factors including, the materials to be used; the likelihood that the works could bring about short or longer-term changes to marine environment, natural process or interactions with existing activities; the generation of wastes or release of pollutants and cumulative effects.

**MMO Screening Opinion**

On reviewing the information you supplied, I am of the opinion that the works proposed would not require and EIA under Annex II of the directive.

A number of suggestions and recommendations were made during the consultation period and these are detailed below, the MMO would expect you to take these into account when applying for a Marine Licence.

A detailed method statement will need to be provided with supporting information including potential effects on marine ecology, fish activity and local conservation interest. More information will also be required regarding the use of the area in

question by wintering and passage birds.

Various other consents will also be required along with the Marine Licence, including consent from the Environment Agency(EA) under the Water Resources act 1991. I would recommend that you speak with the EA regarding consents required. Permission may also be required from English Heritage with regards to nearby scheduled monuments.

If you have any queries or require clarification on any of the above, then please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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