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Dear Miss Kate Masser,

**The Marine Works (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2007, as amended ("the Regulations")
Request for a screening opinion - repair works to Staithes harbour wall.**

Thank you for your application dated 02 Apr 2012, requesting a formal screening opinion from the Marine Management Organisation (MMO) in respect to repair works to Staithes Harbour Walls.

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 do not fall within the specifications of the Marine Works (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2007. The works are largely repair, maintenance and reconstruction, and as such, excluded from Annex II 10 (k) of the Marine Works (EIA) Regulations 2007.

It is unlikely that an appropriate assessment under the Habitats Regulations will be required for these works.

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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