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Dear Sir/Madam,

Re: Gosport Borough Local Plan Publication Version

Thank you for inviting the Marine Management Organisation (MMO) to comment on the above 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, a marine plan will apply up to the mean high water springs mark, which includes the tidal extent of any rivers. As marine plan boundaries extend up to the level of the mean high water spring tides mark there will be an overlap with terrestrial plans which generally extend to the mean low water springs mark. In our duty to take all reasonable steps to ensure compatibility with existing development plans, which apply down to the low water mark, we are seeking to identify the 'marine relevance' of applicable plan policies.

On 2 April 2014 the East Inshore and East Offshore marine plans were published, becoming a material consideration for the Marine Management Organisation (MMO) and other public authorities with decision making functions. The East Inshore and East Offshore Marine Plans provide guidance for sustainable development in English waters, and cover the coast and seas from Flamborough Head to Felixstowe. Marine plans will inform and guide decision makers on development in marine and coastal areas. More information including the East Inshore and East Offshore marine plans document can be found at http://www.marinemangement.org.uk/marineplanning/areas/east_plans.htm.

The next round of planning, in the South plan area, began in 2013. The South plan area runs from Folkestone to the River Dart and therefore includes Gosport.

The MMO will be working with all Local Authorities in the plan area and until such time as a marine plan is in place we advise Gosport Borough Council to refer to the Marine Policy Statement for guidance on any planning activity that includes a section of coastline or tidal river, and to ensure a consistent approach with existing national policy has been acknowledged. 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 and the UK Marine Policy Statement unless relevant considerations indicate otherwise. The Marine Policy Statement will also guide the development of Marine

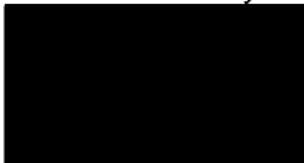


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Plans across the UK. More information can be found at
<http://www.defra.gov.uk/news/2011/03/18/marine-policy-statement/>

If you have any questions or need any further information please just let me know. More information on the role of the MMO can be found on our website www.gov.uk/mmo

Yours sincerely



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