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Dear Sir/Madam,

**Re: Maldon District Pre-Submission Local Development Plan Consultation and  
Community Infrastructure Levy Preliminary Draft Charging Schedule Consultation**

Thank you for inviting the Marine Management Organisation (MMO) to comment on the above consultations.

I can confirm the MMO has no comments to make in relation to the consultation on the Community Infrastructure Levy Preliminary Draft Charging Schedule.

Regarding the pre-submission Local Development Plan consultation, the MMO has reviewed the document and whilst we have no specific comments to make we would like to draw your attention to the remit of our organisation as you may wish to be aware of this in relation to the 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 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. The MMO began planning for the East area in April 2011. The next round of planning, in the South plan area, began in 2013. Until such time as a marine plan is in place for South East inshore plan area, which includes Maldon, we advise Local Authorities to refer to the Marine Policy Statement for guidance on any planning activity that includes a section of coastline or tidal river. All public authorities taking authorisation or enforcement decisions that affect or might affect the UK marine area must do so in accordance with the UK Marine Policy Statement unless relevant considerations indicate otherwise. The Marine Policy Statement will also guide the development of Marine Plans across the UK. More information can be found at <http://www.defra.gov.uk/news/2011/03/18/marine-policy-statement/>



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The MMO is responsible for issuing marine licences under the Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009. We also issue consents under the Electricity Act 1989 (as amended) for offshore generating stations between 1 and 100 megawatts and are a Statutory Consultee to the Planning Inspectorate for relevant Planning Act developments (Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects). A marine licence may be needed for activities involving a deposit or removal of a substance or object below the mean high water springs mark or in any tidal river to the extent of the tidal influence. Any works may also require consideration under The Marine Works (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2007 (as amended) and early consultation with the MMO is advised. We would suggest that reference to this be made within planning documents to ensure that necessary regulatory requirements are covered. We would encourage applicants to engage early with the MMO alongside any application for planning consent to ensure that the consenting process is as efficient as possible.

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.marinemangement.org.uk](http://www.marinemangement.org.uk)

Yours sincerely



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