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Good afternoon,

I have been meaning to find an email address to contact in order to introduce myself and update our contact list. I am the new North West marine planner at the Marine Management Organisation, apologies that this may not be the best email to contact. However, the contact we have on our list for the planning team looks to be no longer working for Warrington council and I have this local plan address from a recent consultation. Would you be able to provide a contact please? I would appreciate the opportunity to be able to introduce myself and get an understanding of what is taking place in Warrington.

I understand the local plan consultations were done in October so I am a little late in terms of contributing. However, if you would like the MMO's opinion please do feel free to contact us via [REDACTED]

I will put a general response below on what we do send during local plan development (I would have also sent a bespoke response during consultation).

“Under delegation from the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (the marine planning authority), 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 (MHWS) mark, which includes the tidal extent of any rivers. As marine plan boundaries extend up to the level of MHWS, there will be an overlap with terrestrial plans, which generally extend to the Mean Low Water Springs (MLWS) mark. To work together in this overlap, the Department of Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra) created the [Coastal Concordat](#). This is a framework enabling decision-makers to co-ordinate processes for coastal development consents. It is designed to streamline the process where multiple consents are required from numerous decision-makers, thereby saving time and resources. Defra encourage coastal authorities to sign up as it provides a road map to simplify the process of consenting a development, which may require both a terrestrial planning consent and a marine licence. Furthermore, marine plans inform and guide decision-makers on development in marine and coastal areas. Under Section 58(3) of [Marine and Coastal Access Act \(MCAA\) 2009](#) all public authorities making decisions capable of affecting the UK marine area (but which are not for authorisation or enforcement) must have regard to the relevant marine plan and the [UK Marine Policy Statement](#). This includes local authorities developing planning documents for areas with a coastal influence. We advise that all marine plan objectives and policies are taken into consideration by local planning authorities when plan-making. It is important to note that individual marine plan policies do not work in isolation, and decision-makers should consider a whole-plan approach. Local authorities may also wish to refer to our [online guidance](#) and the [Planning Advisory Service: soundness self-assessment checklist](#). We have also produced a [guidance note](#) aimed at local authorities who wish to consider how local plans could have regard to marine plans.”

The marine plan of relevance to Warrington is the [North West Marine Plan](#).

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me and if you could provide a contact for the planning team please I would appreciate it.

Kind regards,

Chloe

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