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Dear Mr Barlow

Local Development Orders FANTASY ISLAND SEA LANE LOCAL DEVELOPMENT ORDER, INGOLDMELLS, SKEGNESS, LINCOLNSHIRE, COASTAL ZONE LOCAL DEVELOPMENT ORDER FOR LAND SITUATED WITHIN COASTAL EAST LINDSEY.

I am writing to you to inform you that the Secretary of State has been approached by his statutory advisor, the Environment Agency, raising significant concerns on flood risk in respect of the above Local Development Orders. It has requested that the Secretary of State revises the Fantasy Island LDO and if necessary, revoke the Coastal LDO.

I note that the Fantasy Island LDO was adopted by your authority on the 16 July 2020. I also understand that the public consultation period on the Coastal LDO expired on the 29 September 2020, and that you are aware of the concerns raised by the Environment Agency about both LDO's. In response to the Environment Agency's concerns, the Secretary of State is considering whether to exercise his powers under Schedule 4A para 2 Town and Country Planning Act 1990 to revise the Fantasy Island LDO. He will also consider whether revocation proceedings would be appropriate, should the council adopt the Coastal LDO in a form which does not satisfactorily address the concerns raised by the Environment Agency.

Therefore, in order for the Secretary of State to fully consider the matters raised, we are requesting that your council pause its consideration of any applications currently before it to discharge the conditions attached to the Fantasy Island LDO.

Please be assured that we are aware of the importance of the Local Development Orders to your council. However, the concerns expressed by the Environment Agency must be taken seriously given the nature of the flood risk and its potential impact.

At this stage we would envisage that a decision will be reached within the next few weeks. If you would like to feedback please get in touch with the MHCLG case officer, Tara Dickenson by 12 October 2020, to enable this to be considered by the Secretary of State. The Planning Casework Unit will ensure that your council is kept up to date with the Secretary of State's considerations and will inform you of the Secretary of State's decision in due course.

With kind regards

Joanna Averley Chief Planner