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To: Planning Policy
Cc: SM - Defra - Consultations (MMO)
Subject: RE: Draft Landscape Character Assessment

Dear Sir/Madam,

MMO Marine Planning response to consultation on East Devon and Blackdown Hills Landscape Character Assessment and Management Guidelines.

Thank you for giving us the opportunity to comment on the submission of the **East Devon and Blackdown Hills Landscape Character Assessment and Management Guidelines**. The comments provided within this letter refer to the document entitled consultation **East Devon and Blackdown Hills Landscape Character Assessment and Management Guidelines**

Please ensure this response is read in its entirety.

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 2009](#) and any relevant adopted Marine Plan or [UK Marine Policy Statement \(MPS\)](#), unless relevant considerations indicate otherwise.

The area covered by the **East Devon and Blackdown Hills Landscape Character Assessment and Management Guidelines** lies within the South Marine Plan Area therefore, it is recommended that it includes a reference to the [South Marine Plan](#). [The South Inshore and Offshore marine plans](#) were published on the 17th July 2018, becoming a material consideration for public authorities with decision making functions. The South Inshore and South Offshore Marine Plans cover the coast and seas from Folkestone to the River Dart in Devon. For further information on how to apply the South Inshore and South Offshore Marine Plans please visit our [Marine Information System](#).


Within the document out for consultation **East Devon and Blackdown Hills Landscape Character Assessment and Management Guidelines**, we recommend considering the inclusion of the following:

1. In section 1.6 we recommend reference to the [South Marine Plan](#).
2. Landscape Character Types (LCTs) LCT 4A, LCT 4B, LCT 4D, and LCT 4H do, or may have relevance to the South Marine Plan area. We recommend referencing the South Marine Plan as a consideration in these LCTs.
3. As the Marine Policy Statement (MPS) states that references to seascape should be taken as meaning landscapes with views of the coast of seas, and coasts and the adjacent marine environment with cultural, historical and archaeological links with each other you may wish to consider the MMO's [Seascape assessment for the South Marine Plan Areas](#) in your landscape assessment. More information on seascape including maps of the South marine character areas and visual resource mapping can be found in the [South Marine Plan Technical Annex](#) on pages 113-119.

Please note that these comments are provided only as a recommendation and that your own interpretation of the [Marine Policy Statement](#) and [South Marine Plan](#) should be completed. You may find our [online guidance](#), our [online Marine Information System](#) and the [Planning Advisory Service soundness self-assessment checklist](#) helpful in completing your interpretation.

Kind regards,
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