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**Subject:** Consultation on Application for Marine Licence - Hayle Estuary

Reference: Licence application for works to cover the exposed Wave Hub cable and junction box, Hayle Estuary

I am authorised to respond on behalf of the Hayle Harbour Advisory Committee, a body established by the Hayle Harbour Act, 1989 to advise on operations of the Hayle Harbour and estuary.

Our committee voted as follows:

1. We do not support the proposed solution of rock and sand cover because of its unknown effect on the local environment. Additionally, if the sand cover is washed away, the resulting rock covered structure would be unsightly.
2. Our recommendation is for the Wave Hub cable and junction box to be covered with sand as part of a beach re-profiling. The level of the area which has suffered erosion would be raised by sand obtained by pumping from the harbour entrance (exact locations to be approved by the Harbour Master). If necessary, additional sand could be obtained from the area to the west of the cable, above mean high water) where the level of sand is currently higher than usual. Although we cannot advise the amount of sand needed for this operation, we anticipate that a significant increase in the sand level over the whole depleted area will provide protection to the cable without reducing the amenity value of the beach.

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