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Dear Tobias

**SOUTH EAST COAST OF JERSEY, CHANNEL ISLANDS RAMSAR SITE (NO 1043) -
UK DECISION ON THE REQUIREMENT OF AN ARTICLE 3.2 REPORT**

I refer to previous exchanges of correspondence on the subject of the Energy from Waste (EFW) plant in the States of Jersey, and the possible need for the UK to submit a report under Article 3.2 of the Convention.

As you may be aware, responsibility for implementation of the Convention within their territory is devolved to the Jersey authorities. They are responsible for assessing the impact of any developments on Ramsar sites in their territory and providing reports to Defra.

Since this issue was brought to our attention, this Department has liaised very closely with the States of Jersey over the impacts of the construction and operation of the EFW plant and the potential effect of these activities on the adjacent Ramsar site. The clear advice we have received from the Jersey authorities is that there is no evidence to suggest that the ecological character of the Ramsar site has changed or is likely to change as a result of either the EFW plant or any other activities along the coastline. Consequently neither we, nor the Jersey authorities, consider that at present there is a need to submit a report under Article 3.2.

We can assure you that the States of Jersey are applying appropriate measures to ensure that there is no impact on the adjacent Ramsar site either during construction or operation of the EFW plant. These measures include monitoring of the adjacent marine area, which we understand has not provided any evidence of pollution from the construction phase. The Jersey authorities have also confirmed that once the plant is commissioned, ongoing monitoring will take place to ensure that it operates in a manner that is compliant with the States of Jersey's strict environmental legislation.

I can also assure you that should any new evidence come to light, which suggests that the ecological character of the site has changed, is changing or is likely to change as a result



of the above development, we will, in conjunction with the Jersey authorities, carefully review the situation, including the question of whether an Article 3.2 Report is necessary.

I would also like to take this opportunity to reassure the Secretariat that the States of Jersey are committed to producing Management Plans for all four of its Ramsar sites. This work is progressing and involves engagement and co-operation with all the stakeholders that have an interest in the good management of the sites. We understand that the management plans should be finalised early next year. These plans will aid the development of a framework within which the ecological character of the Ramsar Sites can be continually monitored and assessed and will allow those who have an interest in the site to make their views known.

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "SG Hopkinson". The letters are cursive and fluidly connected.

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