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Ms Lanchester Our ref: RFI 7311

By email: request-254572-f27dcee8@whatdotheyknow.com 18 March 2015

Dear Ms Lanchester,

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION: REPORT ON THE COASTAL MANAGEMENT PRACTICES AT PAGHAM JANUARY 2015

Thank you for your request for information, which we received on 18 February 2015, about documents listed in the report on the coastal management practices at Pagham January 2015. As you know we have handled your request under the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 (EIRs).

The EIRs apply to requests for environmental information, which is a broad category of information defined in regulation 2 of the EIRs. Public authorities are required to handle requests for environmental information under the EIRs. They give similar access rights to the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

• The information you requested is attached (27 documents in total).

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I attach Annex A, which explains the copyright that applies to the information being released to you.

I also attach Annex B giving contact details should you be unhappy with the service you have received.

If you have any queries about this letter please contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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Annex A

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