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Dear Stakeholder

INITIAL STAKEHOLDER CONSULTATION

I am writing to inform you that Suffolk Coastal District Council, Waveney District Council and the Environment Agency are starting a review of the Shoreline Management Plan for the coastline between Lowestoft Ness and Felixstowe Landguard Point. These authorities recognise the importance of obtaining views from the broad range of organisations and individuals who have an interest in the management of the coastline. This initial consultation builds upon the work already carried out by the authorities in drawing together the issues and concerns expressed by people during the development of the several strategies, studies and on-going involvement with managing this section of the coast. However, we need to be confident that these views from stakeholders are still relevant and that we are not missing other issues or information that stakeholders may have.

To this end, I am pleased to attach to this letter the following documents:

- 1. The initial list of issues that have been identified to date, based on information provided in the past.
- 2. A questionnaire allowing stakeholders to express other views on the management of the coast and to comment on any information or specific interests they may have.
- 3. A list of consultees identified to date.

Both documents are available for downloading from the project's website, where additional information can also be found: www.suffolk.smp2.org.uk/.

We have set a date of the 1st October 2007 for the end of this initial consultation period. Towards the end of this period we have arranged a stakeholder forum meeting to which I am pleased to invite you. This meeting will be held at Snape Village Hall at 7.00pm on Wednesday 19th September 2007. This meeting will be attended by Members and officers of the authorities. Also present will be representatives from Terry Oakes Associates Ltd, who are project managing the review, and Royal Haskoning, the consultants dealing with the

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technical elements of the project. This is an opportunity to review the issues and for people to discuss the process by which policy for future management of the shoreline will be developed.

I trust the information provided will assist you to become involved with the review of the shoreline management plan. If there are any matters arising before and to confirm your attendance at the initial consultation meeting please contact Terry Oakes on 01502 581822 (email: consult@terryoakes.com) who is project managing the review on behalf of the authorities.

Yours sincerely

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