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Dear Sirs

RE: CONSULTATION ON DRAFT NORTHERN IRELAND MARINE LITTER STRATEGY

Thank you for the opportunity for The Royal Town Planning Institute to respond to the consultation on the above. The Institute seeks to advance the science and art of spatial planning for the benefit of the public.

The Institute is the largest professional body representing spatial planning and represents over 23,000 professional planners in the public and private sectors. The Institute has over 500 members in Northern Ireland, within the membership there is a considerable body of UK and international experience in the field of marine planning. Much work has been carried out by the Institute in the development of the UK Marine Planning Policy with support and advice given to DEFRA and other marine based organisations. The paper has been discussed with members of the RTPI NI Branch Executive.

The Institute is strongly committed to the development of a marine spatial planning system for the UK and welcomes the draft Marine Litter Strategy. RTPI NI commends the Department of the Environment for the production of a user friendly paper, however we would ask the Department to take consideration of the views of our members which have been expressed in the attached response form.

If you require any clarification, or feel you need further comment, please contact me at the above address.

Yours sincerely

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