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Dear Stakeholder

**COASTAL CONCORDAT FOR ENGLAND**

I am writing to let you know that the coastal concordat for England has been launched.

The coastal concordat is an agreement between Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, the Department for Transport, Department for Communities and Local Government, the Marine Management Organisation, the Environment Agency, Natural England, the Local Government Association's Coastal Special Interest Group, representing authorities in estuarine and coastal areas, and National Parks England.

The coastal concordat sets out key principles for coordinating the consenting process for coastal development in England. These principles have been developed by representatives of all those organisations who are directly involved. The concordat approach offers benefits to applicants, regulators and advisors by reducing unnecessary regulatory duplication, providing better sign-posting, streamlining assessments and increasing transparency and consistency of advice. Once adopted, the concordat approach can apply to any applications for coastal development as defined in the agreement. It will not apply where coordination mechanisms are already in place e.g. for Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects.

If you wish to find out more about the coastal concordat please go to:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/a-coastal-concordat-for-england>

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Yours sincerely

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