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Hi Sam,
Apologies for the delayed response to the recent consultation on seal haul-out sites. Being inside 12 nautical miles this is an area of responsibility for SNH and, as such, I have not completed a full respondent form. We, however, fully support the choice of sites, mechanism used to identify them and the inclusion of SACs within the lists. For harbour seals in particular, we would suggest that there should be no reduction in the number of proposed sites as this species currently has an unfavourable conservation status and the OSPAR EcoQO is also failing. Although the causes of the decline in this species are still being investigated, additional protection from disturbance is likely to be of benefit.

Do not hesitate to contact me if you require any further information.
All the best, Eunice

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