

**Question for written answer E-002806/2017
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: 'Eolo Tarifa Restaurant-Beach Bar' project with a carpark for more than 300 cars in special area of conservation ES 00000337 Estrecho (Cadiz-Andalusia-Spain)

The request for environmental assessments to be carried out on the impact of the 'Eolo Tarifa Restaurant-Beach Bar' on special areas of conservation in the Natura Network was rejected by the park's director, who judged it unnecessary on the grounds that EU funding was not being used. Citizens now fear another rejection because the director herself has publicly declared the area as being in a state of environmental degradation. For the project to go ahead, archaeological sites in the area, discovered in 1985, will have to be buried. The aim of the Eolo project is to bring some order to the caravan traffic which has been a feature of the area for 30 years. Beach bars of this kind had previously been authorised and that was without them having to be accompanied by an element of 'environmental education'.

1. Does the Commission think that the authorities' actions are in line with the precautionary principle and with the Habitats Directive and the Water Framework Directive?
2. Does it deem appropriate the actions of that director-cum-keeper of a community space?
3. Does the Commission consider that bodies such as the park governing boards (Decree No 146/1998), mainly comprising authorities which deny citizens the chance to be actively involved in decisions, represent the EU's aims?