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Dear David Eaves

Consultation: APP/22/00850 - Proposal for restoration via 2 nesting sites off Hayling Island
Location: Land West of Hayling Billy Trail and, Long Island, Langstone Harbour, Havant

Thank you for your Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA) Screening and Appropriate Assessment for the above dated 04 May 2023 which was received by Natural England on 09 May 2023 the following constitutes our formal statutory response.

Natural England is a non-departmental public body. Our statutory purpose is to ensure that the natural environment is conserved, enhanced, and managed for the benefit of present and future generations, thereby contributing to sustainable development

The Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017 and The Conservation of Offshore Marine Habitats and Species Regulations 2017

We can confirm that the proposed works are located within Chichester and Langstone Harbours Special Protection Area (SPA) and Solent Maritime Special Area of Conservation (SAC).

Appropriate Assessment

We note that your authority, as competent authority under the provisions of the Habitats Regulations, has undertaken an Appropriate Assessment of the proposal in accordance with Regulation 63 of the Regulations.

Natural England is a statutory consultee on the Appropriate Assessment stage of the Habitats Regulations Assessment process. Your appropriate assessment concludes that your authority is able to ascertain that the proposal will not result in adverse effects on the integrity of any of the sites in question.

Having considered the assessment, and the measures proposed to mitigate for all identified adverse effects that could potentially occur as a result of the proposal, including avoidance of sensitive time periods for birds, use of bog mats, and barge access during spring high tides only, Natural England advises that we concur with the assessment conclusions, providing that all mitigation measures are

appropriately secured in any permission given.

Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009

The works, as set out in the information supplied by the applicant, are not sited within or near to a Marine Conservation Zone. Natural England have not identified a pathway by which impacts from the development would affect the interest features of the site(s). We are therefore confident that the works will not hinder the conservation objectives of such a site.

Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (as amended)

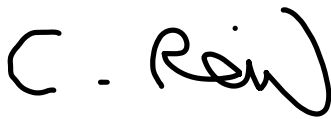
We can confirm that the proposed works are located within Langstone Harbour SSSI. Natural England advises that the proposal, if undertaken in strict accordance with the details submitted, is not likely to have an adverse effect on the interest features for which the site has been notified

Invasive Non-Native Species (INNS)

You should ensure that all necessary biosecurity measures are taken to avoid the introduction and or spread of INNS.

For any queries regarding this letter, for new consultations, or to provide further information on this please send your correspondences to consultations@naturalengland.org.uk.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'C. Reid'.

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