

Dear Sir/Madam,

Consultation: APP/20/00853 HRA & Appropriate Assessment - Erection of 2 new build 2 bedroom flats on land to rear of 13-15 Park Parade. (Submission) 13-15 Park Parade, Havant PO9 5AA

Thank you for consulting Natural England on the above HRA and AA. Apologies for the slight delay in responding.

Natural England notes that your authority, as competent authority, has undertaken an appropriate assessment of the proposal in accordance with Regulation 63 of the Conservation of Species and Habitats Regulations 2017 (as amended). Natural England is a statutory consultee on the appropriate assessment stage of the Habitats Regulations Assessment process, and a competent authority should have regard to Natural England's advice.

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 any adverse effects, it is the advice of Natural England that we concur with the conclusion of the HRA, provided all mitigation measures are adequately secured with any permission.

Solent Recreation Mitigation Strategy – no objection subject to mitigation

Since this application will result in a net increase in residential accommodation, impacts to the coastal Special Protection Area(s) and Ramsar site(s) may result from increased recreational pressure. Havant Borough Council has measures in place to manage these potential impacts through the agreed strategic solution which we consider to be ecologically sound.

Subject to the appropriate financial contribution being secured, Natural England is satisfied that the proposal will mitigate against the potential recreational impacts of the development on the site(s). It is Natural England's view that the Solent Mitigation Recreation Strategy Contribution adequately mitigates the effects of the development on potential recreational impacts on the designated sites.

Nutrient Neutrality – no objection subject to mitigation

Natural England is aware that your authority has adopted a position statement, to ensure that development achieves nutrient neutrality through the agreed site specific nutrient budget. Specifically, mitigation measures for this development involve the use of a specific on-site avoidance measure as well as the use of Warblington Farm as a specific off-site mitigation measure.

The nutrient budget calculated for this development for a net increase of 2 dwellings, discharging to Budds Farm wastewater treatment works, is **1.6 kg/TN/yr**. As set out in the Position Statement and Mitigation Plan for Nutrient Neutral Development, an appropriate scale of mitigation for this scheme would be **£1,999**.

Provided that the applicant is complying with the requirements of the Interim Strategy for **1.6 kg/TN/yr** and that the Council, as competent authority, is satisfied that the approach will ensure the proposal is nutrient neutral and the necessary measures can be fully secured; Natural England raises no further concerns.

If you have any queries relating to this advice, please feel free to contact me on amelia.cockings@naturalengland.org.uk.

Kind regards,

Amelia Cockings (MEnvSci)

Advisor Sustainable Development

Thames Solent Area Team

Natural England

<https://www.gov.uk/natural-england>