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Your ref – APP/21/00222. Erection of grain store. Northwood Farm, Northwood Lane, Hayling Island, PO11 0LR.
Our ref – 347586

Hello Tina,

Thank you for consulting Natural England on the above consultation.

The consultation documents provided by your authority do not include information to demonstrate that the requirements of Regulations 63 and 64 of the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017 ('the Habitats Regulations') have been considered by your authority, i.e. the consultation does not include a Habitats Regulations Assessment.

In advising your authority on the requirements relating to Habitats Regulations Assessment, it is Natural England's advice that the proposal is not necessary for the management of the European site. Your authority should therefore determine whether the proposal is likely to have a significant effect on any European site, proceeding to the Appropriate Assessment stage where significant effects cannot be ruled out.

SPA Functional Land

The proposals have the potential to affect SPA functional land, which forms part of a network of terrestrial sites located outside of the Solent SPAs boundaries used by SPA species (including qualifying features and assemblage species) as alternative areas for roosting and foraging. These sites support the functionality of the designated sites and are therefore protected in this context.

The site affected, Site H60N, is classed as a Core site and supports high numbers of brent geese.

Natural England advises that a Construction Environmental Management Plan (CEMP) should be submitted to and approved in writing by the district ecologist/biodiversity officer that identifies the steps and procedures that will be implemented to avoid or mitigate constructional impacts on the adjacent Chichester and Langstone Harbours SPA, Ramsar and the SPA's functional land mentioned above.

The CEMP should address the following impacts:

- Noise/visual/vibrational impacts
- Visual screening (for SPA birds)
- Storage of construction materials/chemicals and equipment;
- Dust suppression
- Chemical and/or fuel run-off from construction into designated sites
- Waste disposal

The CEMP should ensure there is no percussive piling or works with heavy machinery (i.e. plant resulting in a noise level in excess of 69dbAmax – measured at the sensitive receptor) to be undertaken during the bird overwintering period (i.e. October to March inclusive). The sensitive receptor is the nearest point of the SPA or any SPA supporting habitat (e.g. high tide roosting site).

This detail should be included in the Appropriate Assessment to ensure there is no adverse impact from the construction work on the adjacent designated sites and its functional land.

If such a condition is problematic to the applicant than Natural England will consider any implications of the proposals on the SPA bird interests on a case by case basis through our Discretionary Advice Service.

Regards,

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