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Your Ref – APP/21/00328 | Two storey and single storey rear extension to include first floor rear balcony; cladding to first floor elevations. (Revised application). | Fieldside, St Peters Road, Hayling Island, PO11 0RT
Our Ref - 349949

Further Information Required

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.

Solent Waders and Brent Geese Strategy / 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 development site is adjacent to Site H60G, which is classified as a Core Area in the Solent Waders and Brent Goose Strategy. To mitigate impacts to the Core Area, we recommend the below:

Construction Environmental Management Plan

Natural England advises 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 species and habitats. The CEMP should address the following impacts:

- Dust suppression
- Waste disposal
- Noise/visual/vibrational impacts
- Visual screening (for SPA birds)

The approved CEMP should be secured via an appropriately worded condition attached to any planning consent and shall be adhered to at all times, unless otherwise first agreed in writing with the Local Planning Authority.

Wherever possible, percussive piling or works with heavy machinery (i.e. plant resulting in a noise level in excess of 69dbAmax – measured at the sensitive receptor) should be avoided during the bird overwintering period (i.e. October to March inclusive). If such a condition is problematic to the applicant, then 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.

Note: The sensitive receptor is the nearest point of the SPA or any SPA supporting habitat (e.g. high tide roosting site).

Species and Biodiversity Enhancement

Natural England refer your authority to our national standing advice for protected species. As standing advice, it is a material consideration in the determination of the proposed development in this application in the same way as any individual response received from Natural England following consultation and should therefore be fully considered before a formal decision on the planning application is made.

It is a requirement of all development to enhance the natural environment, as stated in the NPPF (2018 as amended), paragraphs 170, 174 and 175. Natural England recommend that an appropriate level of enhancement, such as the addition of bat boxes and/or bird boxes, are secured as part of this application.

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/protected-species-and-sites-how-to-review-planning-proposals>

Please feel free to contact me if you have any further queries on this consultation.

Many thanks,

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