

Your Ref – APP/20/01223 HRA & Appropriate Assessment - Demolition of existing dwelling and erection of replacement dwelling including new summer house and garage together with new driveway access with associated landscaping. 48 Sinah Lane, Hayling Island PO11 0HH
Our Ref – 351542

Hello David,

Thank you for consulting Natural England on the updated Habitats Regulations Assessment and Appropriate Assessment for the above application.

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.

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, Natural England advises that we concur with the assessment conclusions, providing that all mitigation measures are appropriately secured in any planning permission given. Please find comments on the mitigation below.

NO OBJECTION SUBJECT TO SECURING MITIGATION

Construction Environmental Management Plan

The development is in close proximity to the Solent Maritime SAC, Chichester and Langstone Harbours Ramsar and Langstone Harbour SSSI. Without best practice working methods and mitigation there is risk during the construction phase of the development that pollution from machinery, equipment or materials may enter into the water. Natural England recommends that a Construction Environment Management Plan (CEMP) is produced prior to start of the works and submitted and approved in writing by your authority. This should be secured by an appropriate planning condition or obligation. The CEMP should include the following:

- A list of defined potential impacts on the SAC & SSSI and how they will be mitigated
- Details of methods for pollution control to ensure that no pollution (such as debris from dust or surface run off) is able to enter the water.
- Details on the storage and disposal of waste on site
- Details on how sediment/concrete/other debris that may be accidentally released during construction will be captured to prevent entering the water
- Details of Biosecurity to ensure that all equipment brought onto site does not bring any contaminants such as invasive species onto the site and into the waters.

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

Protected Species and Biodiversity Net Gain

Natural England does not hold locally specific information relating to protected species, local or national biodiversity priority habitats and species, local sites (biodiversity and geodiversity) and local landscape character. These remain material considerations in the determination of this planning application and we recommend that you seek further information from the [Hampshire Biodiversity Information Centre](#) and other appropriate bodies. In some instances, further surveys may be necessary through an ecological appraisal to be agreed by an HCC ecologist.

Natural England has published [Standing Advice on protected species](#). Please note Standing Advice is a material consideration in the determination of applications in the same way as any individual response received from Natural England following consultation. If you have any specific questions not covered by our Standing Advice, or have difficulty in applying it to this application please contact us at consultations@naturalengland.org.uk.

In order for your authority to be assured that the proposal meets the requirements of the standing advice and the additional requirements for biodiversity enhancement and net gain as set out in National Planning Policy Framework paragraphs 8, 118, 170, 174 and 175d, Natural England recommends that the application is supported by a Biodiversity Mitigation and Enhancement Plan (BMEP), or equivalent, that has been agreed by the district ecologist or biodiversity officer.

The submission of an approved BMEP will help ensure your authority meets the requirements of Section 40 of the Natural Environment and Rural Communities Act (2006), which states that 'Every public authority must, in exercising its functions, have regard, so far as is consistent with the proper exercise of those functions, to the purpose of conserving biodiversity'. Section 40(3) also states that 'conserving biodiversity includes, in relation to a living organism or type of habitat, restoring or enhancing a population or habitat'. Biodiversity 2020: A strategy for England's wildlife and ecosystem services and Making Space for Nature (2010) also provide strong drivers for the inclusion of biodiversity enhancements through the planning process.

Please note that provided the district ecologist or biodiversity officer is satisfied with the submitted biodiversity mitigation and enhancement measures and the measures are secured by any permission then no further consultation with Natural England on this aspect of the proposal is required.

Regards,

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