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Hi David,

Apologies for the confusion on this one.

Having now looked at the proposals myself I would suggest that there is clearly some potential, albeit very limited, for works to the existing sea wall to result in impacts to the Solent Maritime SAC. In summary:

- The sea wall is at the SAC boundary.
- Removal of the sea wall has potential to damage the strandline vegetation to the north of the wall. This is, from my review of the submitted ecology report, highly likely to equate to the SAC habitat 'Annual vegetation of drift lines' or 'Perennial vegetation of stony banks' Both are essentially vegetated shingle habitats covered by the SAC designation. The fact that there is vegetation on the shingle demonstrates that this habitat is not clean shingle routinely washed by wave action.
- Impacts to this habitat need to be assessed under the Habitats Regulations.

I am sure that, if carried out sensitively, the replacement of the sea defences would not result in permanent impacts to the SAC. The following conditions must be adhered to:

- The replacement defences must not extend beyond the existing footprint – there must be no land-take from the SAC at all. If there was, this would require more detailed assessment under the Regulations.
- Ideally, the new gabions would be situated inland of the existing footprint, within the lawn.
- All works must be conducted from landward side – no plant or machinery must enter the SAC.
- Any shingle habitat that is to be disturbed temporarily must be removed carefully and stored safely for immediate reinstatement.

Provided that there is a clearly worded CEMP, setting out the above measures as well as the recommended pollution control measures within the ecology report then I am confident that there would be no impact to the integrity of the SAC. However, due to the need for mitigating measures the HRA must screen-in potential damage to SAC habitat. This is in addition to potential impacts from construction and pollution, as described within the ecology report.

Hopefully this sums up the matters for consideration. As I said, please don't hesitate to contact me if you need assistance with the HRA. I am on leave next week but will be checking emails.

Kind regards,

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