

APP/20/00725 - Boatyard, Marine Walk, Hayling Island, PO11 9PG - *Proposed extension to an existing pontoon.*

Thank you for your consultation for the proposed pontoon extension. The application is supported by Extended Phase One Ecological Assessment (draft report) by Phillips Ecology (June 2020).

The ecological assessment is based on terrestrial ecology, and our expertise are also specific to terrestrial ecology. Therefore, I would advise the applicant to consult Natural England and the Marine Management Organisation (MMO) to determine if the works will require any marine specific protection measures.

The ecological assessment identified potential impacts to the onsite designated sites: Chichester and Langstone Harbours SPA; Chichester and Langstone Harbours Wetland of International Importance under the Ramsar Convention; Solent Maritime SAC and Chichester Harbour SSSI. During construction there is the potential for water pollution impacts and disturbance to overwintering SPA bird species. The ecology report has set out mitigation measures to avoid these impacts which including timing the construction works between 1st April and 30th September and a number of environmental protection measures. I would support these measures and if you were minded to grant permission, I would simply suggest that the following condition be added to the decision notice:

- Development shall proceed in accordance with the 'Mitigation Recommendations' in Section 11 of the Phillips Ecology Extended Phase One Ecological Assessment (June 2020) Draft Report.

Please let me know if you have any queries.

Kind Regards

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