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Dear Daphney,

Planning consultation: Development of 50 new dwellings together with access, landscaping and open space

Location: Land at Lower Road, Havant

Natural England is a non-departmental public body. Our statutory purpose is to ensure that the natural environment is conserved, enhanced, and managed for the benefit of present and future generations, thereby contributing to sustainable development.

Natural England has provided this updated response based on the further information available on the planning portal as of the date of this letter. This updated advice relates only to the headings below, our previous advice on other aspects of the application remain unchanged and of validity to the determination of this application.

Deterioration of the water environment

Natural England have reviewed the revised nitrogen load calculation, dated 11 July 2019, and agree that the development will result in a negative nitrogen budget. Provided the council complies with the requirement for Appropriate Assessment under The Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations (as amended, 2017), Natural England are satisfied that the proposal will not have potential adverse effects on the integrity of the European sites, and has no objection to this aspect of the application.

Solent Wader Brent Goose Strategy Secondary Support Area H05A

Natural England note the submission of the letter from Alco Ecology Ltd, dated 30 October 2019, which provides an update on the mitigation proposal for the loss of the SWBG secondary support site. A compensation sum of £329,036.40 has been proposed. Natural England is satisfied with the approach and advises your authority that the compensation figure should be secured in the s106 agreement. The compensation should be provided in advance of the loss of the support site, although this could be phased to align with phasing of the development.

The remaining field areas to the east and west of the site are also part of the Secondary Support Area H05A, the construction phase may result in an indirect impact on the remaining support area. As such we recommend a Construction Environment Management Plan (CEMP) is produced which addresses and mitigates the impact of noise and dust from the construction phase of the development on the adjacent support area. The CEMP should be agreed by your authority and implemented in full by any permission.

I trust this advice will assist you and the authority in considering the application further. Please contact me if you have any queries relating to this advice.

Yours sincerely

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