

FAO – Lewis Oliver

Your ref – APP/18/00450 | HRA Screening and Appropriate Assessment = Erection of 320 dwellings with 66-bed care home, open space, habitat mitigation zone, allotments, new access, and associated infrastructure following demolition of existing buildings. Land at Forty Acres Farm, Havant Road, Havant.

Our ref –291629

Dear Lewis

Thank you for consulting Natural England on the 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 permission given.

The mitigation measures include a bespoke package to address the loss of supporting habitat for the Solent SPAs. The details of the offsetting site have been set out in the Land at Forty Acre Farm Wintering Bird Mitigation Strategy (August 2019). Natural England advises that these measures and the in perpetuity management of this site by an appropriate management organisation, such as the Land Trust, are appropriately secured with any planning permission.

Please let me know if you need any further information.

Kind regards

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