

Good morning Lewis,

Appropriate Assessment for application ref: APP/19/00635

NE ref: 290157

Natural England agrees with the conclusion of your Appropriate Assessment in that the proposal has not fully mitigated its impacts on the European Designated Sites. In the absence of mitigation being secured in line with the Solent Recreation Mitigation Strategy and the Position Statement on Nutrient Neutral Development, we advise your authority that there remains an adverse effect on the integrity of the European Sites and any permission would therefore be contrary to the Habitats Regulations (2017 as amended).

Note

Your HRA contains a contradictory statement within the SRMP section; it states that “The proposed development does not represent a net increase in dwellings. Instead, the proposed development constitutes a replacement dwelling.” However goes onto say there is an impact which requires mitigation. This appears to be an error within the HRA wording therefore Natural England has provided the above advice based on the requirement for mitigation, if your Authority is of the opinion that mitigation is not required that that this statement applies to the development, please reconsult Natural England so that we may reconsider our advice.

Kind regards,

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