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Subject: FAO Lesley Wells; 289532 HRA & Appropriate Assessment - Construction of 1No. detached 3 bed dwelling - 15 Elm Park Road, Havant, PO9 2AD - APP/19/00257

Good afternoon Lesley

Your reference: APP/19/00257
Our reference: 289532

Habitats Regulations Assessment Consultation

Solent Recreation Mitigation Strategy – no objection subject to mitigation

This application is within 5.6km of Chichester and Langstone Harbours SPA and will lead to a net increase in residential accommodation. Natural England is aware that Havant Borough Council has adopted a planning policy to mitigate against adverse effects from recreational disturbance on the Solent SPA sites, as agreed by the Solent Recreation Mitigation Partnership (SRMP).

Your Appropriate Assessment has taken this into consideration, therefore, providing the appropriate mitigation is secured by any approval, Natural England are satisfied that the applicant has mitigated against the potential adverse effects of the development on the integrity of the European site, and has no objection to this aspect of the application.

Nutrient Neutrality – no objection subject to mitigation

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.

Natural England is aware that your authority has adopted an interim strategy using Grampian conditions to address nutrient impacts from developments currently in the planning system and we have been working with the Council to develop this approach. It is noted that the mitigation would be secured through a Grampian condition, requiring the mitigation package to be agreed, provided to the Council and implemented prior to the occupation of the development.

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. With regard to deterioration of the water environment, it is noted that the approach to address the positive nitrogen budget for this development is to offset against the interim strategy, with measures to ensure this approach can be adequately secured and accounted for.

It is Natural England's view that in this case, provided the Council as competent authority, is satisfied that the approach will ensure the proposal is nutrient neutral and the necessary measures can be fully secured; Natural England raises no further concerns.

Please consult Natural England on the discharge of the Grampian condition.

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 on to 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 statement applies to the development, please reconsult Natural England so that we may reconsider our advice.

If you have any queries relating to this advice, please contact me on the number below.

Kind regards,
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