

Dear Tina,

APP/18/00440 | Retrospective change of use from animal grazing land to donkey sanctuary; proposed sub-division to smaller paddocks, with paddock 1 providing overflow parking; provision of visitor centre cabin and toilet facilities; replacement and additional animal shelters and storage containers; extension of hard surfacing and enlargement of parking area. | Hayling Island Donkey Sanctuary, Mill Rythe Lane, Hayling Island 18.2106

Thank you for consulting me on this application. Please accept my apologies for the delay in responding to you.

The application is not accompanied by any ecological information and I have therefore carried out my own, non-exhaustive desk-based assessment using online sources, the application documents and recent GIS mapping. This is predominantly a retrospective application and therefore any impacts have mostly occurred. The character of the site will not change in a fundamental way and will remain as grazing land with associated small-scale infrastructure. I would not therefore expect there to be any ecological impacts associated with the site itself.

I note that Natural England have recommended that further details are provided in relation to the number, location and treatment of muck heaps. This is due to the potential for run-off effluent to enter the local hydrological network and ultimately enter the nearby Solent Maritime SAC, Chichester & Langstone Harbours SPA/Ramsar and Chichester Harbour SSSI. I would strongly suggest that the applicant provides this information otherwise it may be necessary to object to the proposal on ecological grounds.

If you have any queries please don't hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards,

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