

No objection

Natural England notes that your authority, as competent authority under the provisions of the Habitats Regulations, has undertaken an Appropriate Assessment of the proposal, in accordance with Regulation 63 of the Regulations. 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. Provided the applicant is fully compliant with the Solent Recreation Mitigation Partnership Definitive Strategy and an appropriate planning condition or obligation is attached to any planning permission to secure the contributions towards this mitigation measure, Natural England is satisfied that the applicant has mitigated against the potential adverse effects of recreational disturbance on the integrity of the European site(s).

Protected species

Natural England has produced standing advice to help planning authorities understand the impact of particular developments on protected species. We advise that the standing advice is interpreted for you by your district ecologist, or an equivalent independent party with the necessary expertise. Natural England will only provide bespoke advice on protected species where they form part of a SSSI or in exceptional circumstances.

Landscape

The proposed development is for a site close to South Downs National Park we recommend you also seek the advice of South Downs National Park Authority.

Kind regards

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