

Dear Bee,

APP/19/00032 | Proposed first floor extension to north west corner of Sailing Club to provide office and provision of solar panels to west facing roof slope. | Langstone Sailing Club, Langstone Road, Havant, PO9 1RD 19.0127

Thank you for consulting me on this application.

The application is not accompanied by any ecological information and I have therefore carried out my own, non-exhaustive desk-based assessment using the application documents, online sources and recent GIS mapping. Whilst the work are relatively limited in scale, they are immediately adjacent to highly-sensitive marine habitats supporting internationally-important breeding and wintering bird species as well as habitats. Given the site's proximity to parts of Chichester & Langstone Harbours SPA/Ramsar, Solent Maritime SAC and Solent & Dorset Coasts pSPA, and Langstone Harbour SSSI and Chichester Harbour SSSI there is potential for construction activities to result in impacts to these sensitive sites.

These potential impacts can be largely avoided if works are conducted outside the overwintering bird season (October to March inclusive), or where restrictions are placed on the noise and visual disturbance during construction. Natural England have suggested that a Construction Environment Management Plan (CEMP) should be secured to ensure that impacts are avoided. I concur with this advice. Of particular importance is the avoidance of certain construction noise (such as loud or percussive noise exceeding 69dB) at the point of the closest receptor: in this location, the nearest receptor is within 10m.

If you are minded to grant permission, can I suggest that a CEMP is secured by condition.

Prior to the commencement of development activities, a Construction Environment Management Plan (CEMP) shall be submitted to and agreed in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The CEMP shall include details of measures to avoid or mitigate impacts, direct or indirect, to the adjacent internationally- and nationally-designated sites. Reason: the protect biodiversity in accordance with the Conservation Regulations 2017, NPPF and Policy CS 11 of the Havant Borough Core Strategy March 2011.

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

Kind regards,

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