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Dear Bee,

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Thank you for consulting me on this application.

The application is now accompanied by a Preliminary Ecological Appraisal and Building inspection (the Ecology Partnership, August 2018). Overall, the site itself is of very limited ecological value, containing a single building surrounded by planted vegetation, some managed lawn and bare ground. The building and site more generally are not considered to offer potential for supporting protected or notable species. No further ecological survey works are required.

The main issue therefore is the site's proximity to nationally- and internationally-designated sites. Impacts could occur through the construction and operation phases. A useful level of evidence has been provided on the potential impacts from construction noise and it is concluded that, were works carried out in the period March to October, the potential for noise-related impacts would be minimal. Works within the winter period would be more likely to result in impacts due to the presence of overwintering bird species on the adjacent intertidal habitats. I note that the recommended working periods are conflicting between sections 4.33 and 4.40: I expect that the wording in 4.33 is the correct recommendation.

If you are minded to grant permission, can I suggest that the demolition and construction period is constrained to periods when overwintering bird species are not likely to be present on the adjacent SPA/SSSI intertidal habitats? It would be necessary to avoid any potentially-disturbing works within the period October 1 to March 31.

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

Kind regards,

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