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Our ref: HA/2018/120313/01-L01
Your ref: APP/18/00306
Date: 25 April 2018

Dear Sir/Madam

CONTINUATION WITH BEACH MANAGEMENT ACTIVITIES ON THE SOUTH COAST OF HAYLING ISLAND (FERRY INN TO HAYLING ISLAND SAILING CLUB) BY RECYCLING BEACH MATERIAL TO PROTECT EASTOKE FROM FLOODING. RESUBMISSION OF APP/17/00342, THIS SUBMISSION IS IDENTICAL IN TERMS OF THE PROPOSAL AND MITIGATION MEASURES TO THE PREVIOUS APPLICATION, AND HAS BEEN RE SUBMITTED TO COMPLY WITH THE TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT) REGULATIONS 2017, WHICH REQUIRES PLANNING APPLICATIONS WITH ENVIRONMENTAL STATEMENTS TO BE TREATED AS ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT (EIA) DEVELOPMENT. FORESHORE AT SOUTH HAYLING, SEA FRONT, HAYLING ISLAND

Thank you for consulting the Environment Agency on the above planning application. We have reviewed the submitted plans and documents relevant to our remit, and have the following comments to make.

Environment Agency Position

We have **no objection** to the principle of continuing flood risk management activities in this location. We consider that planning permission should only be granted to the proposed development as submitted if the following planning conditions are imposed as set out below.

The works may pose a risk to compliance with the EU Bathing Waters Directive at Beachlands West, Beachlands Central and Eastoke bathing waters. Bathing waters constitute protected areas under the Water Framework Directive. The Bathing Water Season runs from May to September.

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Condition

In the event that works within 1km of Beachlands West, Beachlands Central and Eastoke Bathing Water Areas have to be undertaken during the Bathing Water Season:

1. The proposed works must not be undertaken between 1st May and 1st September.
2. The applicant is required to contact the Environment Agency at least one week prior to the commencement of works.

Reason

To protect bathing water quality and bathers in accordance with the Bathing Water

The proposed works are within the EU designated bathing waters of Beachlands West, Beachlands Central and Eastoke, and the works are scheduled to take place during the bathing season which runs from May to September. Mobilised sediment may pose a risk to bathing water quality particularly if it is associated with bacteriological contamination. While we accept that the levels of suspended sediments will be relatively low as a result of the coarse materials to be used, this still represents an additional risk to bathing water quality.

Advice to Applicant/LPA

The applicant is required to contact the Environment Agency at least one week prior to the commencement. This is to allow both the Environment Agency and the Local Council to consider whether the Bathing Water Season needs to be closed earlier, before the end of September.

It is important that sediment disturbance from the proposed works is kept to a minimum to avoid detrimental impacts on bathing water quality. The risk to bathing water compliance can be completely mitigated by all works being undertaken outside of the bathing water season. However, we acknowledge that these works are proposed to take place in summer partly to reduce impacts on over-wintering birds.

We support the proposed ongoing monitoring and continued assessment of need to ensure that the planned interventions remain the most appropriate method of managing risk. The Local Planning Authority may wish to consider the potential visual impact of a beach level that may need to be incrementally increased over the period of the planning permission, to keep pace with climate change.

Yours faithfully

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