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BY EMAIL ONLY

Dear Mrs McMurray,

Planning consultation: Proposed 1No. 2 bedroom bungalow with integral garage. Land adjacent to 186 Havant Road, Hayling Island, PO11 0LJ
Location: Land adjacent to 186 Havant Road, Hayling Island, PO11 0LJ

Thank you for your consultation on the above dated 05 July 2018 which was received by Natural England on 06 July 2018.

Natural England is a non-departmental public body. Our statutory purpose is to ensure that the natural environment is conserved, enhanced, and managed for the benefit of present and future generations, thereby contributing to sustainable development.

SUMMARY OF NATURAL ENGLAND'S ADVICE

NO OBJECTION - SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATE MITIGATION BEING SECURED

We consider that without appropriate mitigation the application would:

- have an adverse effect on the integrity of Chichester and Langstone Harbours Special Protection Area; Chichester and Langstone Harbours Ramsar; Solent Maritime Special Area of Conservation.
- damage the interest features for which Langstone Harbour Site of Special Scientific Interest has been notified.

In order to mitigate these adverse effects and make the development acceptable, the following mitigation measures are required:

This application is within 5.6km of the Chichester and Langstone Harbours SPA and will lead to a net increase in residential accommodation. Natural England is aware that Havant Borough Council has adopted policy CS1 to mitigate against adverse effects from recreational disturbance on the Solent SPA sites, through a financial contribution, as agreed by the Solent Recreation Mitigation Partnership (SRMP). Provided that the applicant is complying with the policy, Natural England is satisfied that the applicant has mitigated against the potential adverse effects of the development on the adverse effects from recreational disturbance. We advise that an appropriate planning condition or obligation is attached to any planning permission to secure these measures.

Appropriate Assessment

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, providing that all mitigation measures are appropriately secured in any permission given.

Please note in future cases where the necessary avoidance and mitigation measures are limited to collecting a funding contribution that is in line with an agreed strategic approach for the mitigation of impacts on European Sites then, provided no other adverse impacts are identified by your authority's appropriate assessment, your authority may be assured that Natural England agrees that the Appropriate Assessment can conclude that there will be no adverse effect on the integrity of the European Sites. In such cases Natural England will not require a Regulation 63 appropriate assessment consultation.

Protected Species

Natural England has produced [standing advice](#)¹ to help planning authorities understand the impact of particular developments on protected species. We advise you to refer to this advice. Natural England will only provide bespoke advice on protected species where they form part of a SSSI or in exceptional circumstances.

Further general advice on consideration of protected species and other natural environment issues is provided at Annex A.

Should the developer wish to discuss the detail of measures to mitigate the effects described above with Natural England, we recommend that they seek advice through our Discretionary Advice Service.

If you have any queries relating to the advice in this letter please contact me on 07552268113.

Should the proposal change, please consult us again.

Yours sincerely

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¹ <https://www.gov.uk/protected-species-and-sites-how-to-review-planning-proposals>