

APP/17/00178 | Erection of 2no. pontoon locating piles, repositioning of 2no. existing pontoon locating piles and extend pontoon 10m northwards. | Hayling Island Sailing Club, Sandy Point, Hayling Island 17.1122

Thank you for consulting me on this application.

The application is accompanied by a brief Construction Environment Management Plan (CEMP) (unauthored, undated) which sets out some proposed measures for addressing potential ecological constraints during the construction of the new pontoon. The CEMP proposes that works will take place outside the sensitive overwintering period – this is a sensible proposal given the highly-valuable roosting and feeding sites close by. Measures are proposed for dealing with potential ringed plover issues. Whilst acceptable in general terms, it is unclear who will undertake nesting bird checks for ringed plover, for how long and when – detecting breeding behaviour and active nests or mobile chicks is tricky and should only be attempted by a suitably-qualified person. There is no information presented on what procedures are in place should nesting be confirmed – if this is the case then works will need to cease/be postponed in order to allow nesting to continue undisturbed.

I would therefore request further information on the proposed methods for nesting bird mitigation.

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

Kind regards,

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