ESC response to Chloe Smith's Natural England questions

When will the works be carried out and for how long will they last?

A: Between April and September to avoid disturbance to migrating birds. Duration 1 - 2 weeks. Exact date to be set after checking with Chichester Harbour Conservancy to avoid any environmental conflicts.

How will the stakes be driven into the seabed? What machinery will be used?

A: Hand tools supported by a small mechanical digger if necessary to use the hydraulic digging arm to push down the stakes into the soft mud. Works to be undertaken using a Chichester Harbour Conservancy recommended contractor.

How will the mud be cleaned of the slipway and placed behind the new stakes? What machinery will be used?

A: Hand tools and a small mechanical digger.

Will the footprint of the jetty including stakes remain the same size?

A: Yes.

Will the works be carried out from the jetty on will access to the foreshore be needed? If so, by what machinery?

A: Mostly from the jetty. If access to the foreshore is required it will be with a small mechanical digger with tracks and working mats.

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How the foreshore will be accessed

A: From the sailing club terrace and slipway

How the stakes are to be driven into the mud.

A: Hand tools supported by a small mechanical digger if necessary to use the hydraulic digging arm to push down the stakes into the soft mud. Works to be undertaken using a Chichester Harbour Conservancy recommended contractor.

The timing of works. (The works would need to avoid any disturbance of overwintering bird species).

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