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Dear Daphne

Planning consultation: APP/17/00320 - Erection of 3 No. 4 bed detached houses with associated garage (revised application)

Location: Rear of 70 Havant Road, Hayling Island

Thank you for your consultation on the above dated 20 April 2017 which was received by Natural England on the same date.

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.

NO OBJECTION - SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATE MITIGATION BEING SECURED

This application is within 5.6km of the Chichester and Langstone Harbour Special Protection Area (SPA) and will lead to a net increase in residential accommodation. Natural England is aware that Havant Borough Council has adopted a planning policy to mitigate against adverse effects from recreational disturbance on the Solent SPA sites, as agreed by the Solent Recreation Mitigation Partnership (SRMP).

The development site lies near a site (H88) classified as 'important' as a high tide roost for Brent Geese, which is a qualifying feature of the aforementioned SPA, and immediately adjacent to a site (H52A) identified as 'important' for waders and Brent Geese in the Solent Waders and Brent Goose Strategy 2010 Update.

As a precautionary measure, we recommend that the following condition is appended to the planning permission:

- No percussive piling or works with heavy machinery (i.e. plant resulting in a noise level in excess of 69dbAmax – measured at the sensitive receptor) to be undertaken during the bird overwintering period (i.e. October to March inclusive).

We advise that an appropriate planning condition or obligation is attached to any planning permission to secure these measures. As such, Natural England is satisfied that the applicant has mitigated against the potential adverse effects of the development on the integrity of the European site(s), and has **no objection** to this aspect of the application.

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

If you have any queries relating to the advice in this letter please contact me on 07717 808691.

Should the proposal change, please consult us again.

We really value your feedback to help us improve the service we offer. We have attached a feedback form to this letter and welcome any comments you might have about our service.

Yours sincerely

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