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Dear Rachael,

Planning consultation: APP/17/00203 – Side Extension to Industrial Unit
Location: Howard Car Spares, Mill Rythe Lane, Hayling Island, PO11 0QQ

Thank you for your consultation on the above dated 07 March 2017 which was received by Natural England on 09 March 2017.

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 in close proximity to the Chichester and Langstone Harbour Special Protection Area (SPA), which is also notified as the Chichester and Langstone Harbour Ramsar site and the Solent Maritime Special Area of Conservation (SAC). The site also lies in close proximity to the Chichester Harbour Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI).

The development site is adjacent to a site (H50B) classified as 'important' as a high tide roost for Brent Geese, which is a qualifying feature of the aforementioned SPA, and next to two sites identified as 'uncertain' for waders (H50B and H50A) 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).

Provided that the applicant is compliant with this condition, 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.

Chichester Harbour Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB)

The proposed development is for a site within a nationally designated landscape namely Chichester Harbour AONB. As the site is currently in an industrial use, Natural England has no specific comments to raise.

Natural England advises that the planning authority uses national and local policies, together with local landscape expertise and information to determine the proposal and that you consult the relevant AONB Partnership or Conservation Board.

If you have any queries relating to the advice in this letter please contact me on 07717 808691 or Rachel.Jones2@naturalengland.org.uk.

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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