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Development Control
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Our ref: HA/2017/119269/02-L01
Your ref: APP/17/00178
Date: 19 May 2017

Dear Sir/Madam

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION (WFD ASSESSMENT) - 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

Thank you for consulting the Environment Agency on the above application which we received on 26 April 2017.

Environment Agency Position

We can confirm that the Environment Agency has no objection in principle to the proposed development as submitted; however, we request that the following planning condition(s) be attached to any planning permission granted in order to make the development acceptable. Without these conditions, the proposed development on this site poses an unacceptable risk to the environment and we would object to the application.

Planning Condition(s):

Condition – Piling Works

Prior to any works commencing, a detailed piling method statement must be submitted and approved. This method statement must include:

- **Proposed piling method including justification for this method over other methods with lower risks**
- **Full details of the proposed piles including size and depth, construction methods and access to install the piles**
- **Timings of the works, both time of year, time of day & tide and how this may affect migratory salmonids**
- **A noise risk assessment from the chosen piling method**
- **Mitigation measures – which may include ramping up or use of strike pads or piling only at low tide**
- **Pollution prevention measures**

Reason:

A method statement is required to ensure any impacts on the environment, in particular migratory fish, are minimised.

Ecology

We are happy that there is no net loss to BAP habitat as the proposed pontoon will be within the footprint of the existing structure.

Chichester Harbour is a key environment on the migratory route for salmonids, Atlantic salmon (*Salmo salar* L.) and/or Sea Trout (*Salmo trutta* L.). Both species are protected by current fisheries and nature conservation legislation and can be at risk from some activities including piling and associated noise.

The application states that piling is required and the proposed method will be percussive. This method of piling is not preferred due to the potential noise impacts on salmonids. Our preferred methods are silent or vibrational piling methods. In order to fully assess the potential risks to the environment from the installation of piles, we will require a full method statement. Therefore the above condition should be applied.

Pollution Prevention

We would advise the applicant to adhere to the Environment Agency's Pollution Prevention Guidance (PPG) 5 (Works in, near or liable to affect watercourses) and PPG 6 (Working at construction and demolition sites). The applicant must ensure that the materials used are suitable for deployment in the marine environment and any coatings on the piles should be applied in line with best practice. In the event of a pollution incident, all works should cease immediately and the Environment Agency contacted on their incident hotline 0800 807060.

Environmental Permit

Please note that this development may require an Environmental Permit or an exemption from an Environmental Permit from the Environment Agency. Any works located in, over, under or within 8 metres of a main river or 16m or a tidal defence, is likely to require a Flood Risk Activity Permit from the Environment Agency.

The applicant is advised to contact the National Customer Contact Centre (NCCC) on 03708 506 506

The need for an environmental permit is separate to the need for planning permission. The granting of planning permission does not necessarily lead to the granting of an environmental permit.

Further details and guidance are available on the GOV.UK website: www.gov.uk/guidance/flood-risk-activities-environmental-permits

Yours faithfully

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