

Dear Lewis,

APP/16/01237 | Demolition of 6,111 square metres of redundant chalets and facilities buildings, use of land for the siting of 204 holiday caravans including 5 caravans for use as staff accommodation, refurbishment of retained single and two storey holiday chalets to form 87 units of holiday accommodation, retain managers bungalow, sales area for 5 caravans, refurbishment of remainder of central facilities building, CCTV cameras, provision of new pedestrian concourse with terraces, splash and dry play areas, multi-games court, adventure golf course and outdoor theatre and new landscaping. Retaining existing pitch and putt golf course to the east of the site. | Mill Rythe Holiday Village, 16 Havant Road, Hayling Island, PO11 0PB 17.0556

Thank you for consulting me on this application. I consider that ecological matters are now resolved, subject to conditions.

The application is now accompanied by a Habitats Regulations Assessment Screening Report Revision C (Middlemarch, April 2017) which provides further details on the proposed avoidance and mitigation of potential impacts to adjacent internationally-designated sites. I welcome the steps made by the applicant team in addressing my previous concerns. I note that the latest consultation response from Natural England dated 10th April is positive and concludes that, subject to certain conditions, the proposals would not result in impacts to the European sites.

The potential disturbance impacts to dark-bellied brent geese using SWBGS Site H43 (the pitch-and-putt to the east) are to be essentially avoided by the restriction of access during the period 1st October to 31st March. This will effectively remove any potential disturbance issues to SPA supporting habitat and are welcomed. A similar restriction is proposed for the section of sea wall immediately north of the site. Again, this is welcomed.

Overall, the proposed avoidance and mitigation measures are agreeable and therefore, if you are minded to grant permission, can I suggest that these are secured by condition alongside a Construction Environment Management Plan (CEMP) and a Landscape and Ecological Management Plan (LEMP).

Development shall proceed in strict accordance with the ecological avoidance and mitigation measures detailed within the Habitats Regulations Assessment Screening Report Revision C (Middlemarch, April 2017) unless otherwise agreed in writing by the Local Planning Authority. All avoidance and mitigation features shall be permanently retained and maintained in accordance with the agreed details. Reason: to protect biodiversity in accordance with the Conservation Regulations 2010, Wildlife & Countryside Act 1981, the NERC Act (2006), NPPF and Policy CS 11 of the Havant Borough Core Strategy March 2011.

Prior to the commencement of development activities a detailed Landscape and Ecological Management Plan (LEMP) shall be submitted to and agreed in writing by the Local Planning Authority. This shall include, but not be restricted to: details of all avoidance and mitigation measures in relation to SPA bird species; details of habitat management measures for the SINC; details of ecological enhancement measures

for the remainder of the application site. All mitigation and enhancement features shall be permanently retained and maintained. Reason: to protect biodiversity in accordance with the Conservation Regulations 2010, Wildlife & Countryside Act 1981, the NERC Act (2006), NPPF and Policy CS 11 of the Havant Borough Core Strategy March 2011.

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

Kind regards,

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