

Consultee Comments for Planning Application APP/22/00822

Application Summary

Application Number: APP/22/00822

Address: Boatyard, Marine Walk, Hayling Island, PO11 9PG

Proposal: Extension to existing pontoons.

Case Officer: Joseph Toole

Consultee Details

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Comments

Dear Joe,

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Thank you for consulting me on this application.

The application is accompanied by a Shadow Habitats Regulations Assessment (Lizard, February 2024). The HRA includes details of potential impact pathways affecting the Solent Maritime SAC and Chichester & Langstone Harbours SPA and Ramsar and concludes that it is reasonable to assume a Likely Significant Effect on all three sites as a result of: physical loss of habitat (permanent and temporary), noise disturbance, visual disturbance, litter, and waterborne pollution. Each of these impact pathways is described and I concur with the outcome of the HRA screening and assessment of impact.

In respect to the identified habitat losses (permanent and temporary), it is proposed that the removal of a series of existing concrete blocks from the intertidal plus the removal of the two existing pontoon sections will provide a small net gain in intertidal habitat. In addition, the change from the current swing moorings to a pontoon mooring system will remove the scouring effects of the current mooring layout.

In terms of the potential effects of noise and visual disturbance, it is proposed to undertake works only in the period 1 April to 30 September, thereby avoiding the overwintering bird season.

The potential effects of litter and waterborne pollution will be controlled via construction phase prevention measures, and will be detailed in full within a Construction Environment Management

Plan (CEMP).

Havant Borough Council, as the competent authority under the Habitats Regulations, will need to undertake its own HRA. Based on the submitted Shadow Habitats Regulations Assessment I am content that the HRA is able to conclude that there would not be impacts affecting the integrity of the identified designated sites. If you are minded to grant permission, can I suggest that all ecological avoidance and mitigation measures are included within a single, comprehensive Construction Environment Management Plan (CEMP).

Prior to the commencement of any development activities, a Construction Environment Management Plan shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The CEMP shall be in accordance with the outline avoidance and mitigation measures within the Shadow Habitats Regulations Assessment (Lizard, February 2024) and shall include (but not necessarily be restricted to): full details of noise and visual disturbance and waterborne and airborne pollution control measures, with roles, responsibilities and monitoring measures clearly detailed. Reason: to protect biodiversity in accordance with the Environment Act 2021, Conservation Regulations 2017, Wildlife & Countryside Act 1981, NPPF, NERC Act 2006 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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