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Dear Lewis,

APP/22/00709 | 3No. Storage containers | Teal Buildings, Northney Marina, Hayling Island, PO11 0NH

Thank you for your email.

HBIC regularly screen planning applications and where applications are in close proximity to known records of protected species/notable habitats and/or designated sites, they are flagged in case of any potential adverse impacts.

North Common & Saltmarsh SINC which is located approximately 25m to the south of the proposed containers has been designated for supporting a structurally diverse saltmarsh with some County Rare, County Vulnerable and County/Nationally Scarce flora. The SINC is also regionally important for over-wintering Brent Geese.

Due to the location of the site, noise and visual disturbance and pollution incidents are likely to adversely affect the nearby SINC. However, having reviewed the available documents, I note that the containers will be transported to site and placed on an area of existing hardstanding and therefore the noise generated are not considered to be of a level to disturb birds during the overwintering season which runs between October and March. Similarly, there is not considered to be any risk of pollutants such as runoff water, dust, etc, as a result of the proposals. Whilst structures could affect the sightline of Brent geese and waders and therefore affect the suitability of areas used for roosting/foraging, I note that a wooded area is located between the application site and the SINC. Therefore, no visual disturbance is likely.

Overall, I have reviewed the proposals and can confirm that I have no major concerns and no further survey work or mitigation will be required.

If you have any queries or require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards,
Maral