

Consultee Comments for Planning Application APP/24/00439

Application Summary

Application Number: APP/24/00439

Address: Land adjacent to, Car Park Broadmarsh, Harts Farm Way, Havant

Proposal: Temporary planning permission to allow the retention of Portakabin and Container stores for communal use, and yard for boat and trailer parking following the expiry of temporary planning permission dated 31st December 2021. Retention of an existing toilet block and sewage system. To install PV solar panels and wind turbine. To build a workshop and covered area.

Case Officer: Josephine Lacey

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On Behalf Of: Ecologist

Comments

Dear Josie,

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Thank you for consulting me on this application.

The application is not accompanied by any ecological information. I have therefore carried out my own non-exhaustive desk-based assessment using the application documents, online sources and GIS mapping. The site comprises an extensive area of hard surfacing with boundary scrub and trees. I am content that the site is of very limited ecological value and that the proposed works would not require the removal of any vegetation. On that basis, I am content to state that no ecological assessment is required and that the proposal would be exempt from mandatory Biodiversity Net Gain under the de minimis rule.

The site is however almost immediately adjacent to parts of Chichester & Langstone Harbours Special Protection Area (SPA) and Ramsar site. This area is well-frequented by bird species associated with the SPA. I would raise a query regarding the potential visual and noise impacts of the proposed turbine on wintering bird species, and request clarification. The turbine will be situated c.25 metres from the SPA/Ramsar boundary and any feeding/resting bird species therein.

The proposed turbine will be located on an existing container and will be c.5m height. I would request some clarification on the extent to which the turbine will be visible from the coastal path and on the predicted noise generated by its operation.

NPPF, Circular 06/2005 and Natural England Standing Advice, require that planning decisions are based on full, up-to-date ecological information and it is essential that all necessary survey, assessment and mitigation information is available to the Local Planning Authority prior to determination, particularly in the case of protected sites, habitats and species, which are a material planning consideration. This will enable the Local Planning Authority to determine the application on the basis of full knowledge about the potential ecological impacts of the proposal and to ensure that any impacts can and will be mitigated.

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

Kind regards,

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