

Planning Application APP/22/00850 Shingle Replenishment Land east of Hayling Billy Trail and, Long Island, Langstone Harbour, Havant

Dear Mr Speller,

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Thank you for your consultation. I would draw your attention to the archaeological desk based assessment submitted that I can largely endorse to you. The assessment identifies that there is a high archaeological potential to the margins of Langston Harbour, as was demonstrated by the Langston Harbour Study carried out in the 1990s. However the assessment seems tentative as to the detailed impacts of the scheme and the mitigation which might be appropriate. Eg para 6.1.3 indicates archaeological mitigation 'could ' take place but does not set out what 'should' take place in light of the proposals.

With regard to the West Hayling element the raising of the shingle level on the existing bund does not suggest to me any archaeological mitigation is necessary.

With regard to the Long Island replenishment, the archaeological implications are greater as the shoreline is likely to have exposed archaeology on it and the shingle will be moved in place by machinery across that surface. I note that in 5.3.2 some temporary matting is to be laid although the nature and extent of that is not clear. The Long Island foreshore is subject to ongoing erosion and I recommend that the foreshore is inspected and any archaeological features currently exposed are recorded (and artefacts retrieved) prior to the works so that the importation of material and use of machinery is mitigated. This would ensure that any further exposure of archaeological features since the Langston Harbour survey 20 years ago are recognised and recorded prior to impact.

Accordingly I recommend that an archaeological condition is attached to any planning permission which might be issued to secure such a survey,

Yours sincerely

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