

Consultee Comments for Planning Application APP/22/00779

Application Summary

Application Number: APP/22/00779

Address: Mengham Rythe Sailing Club, Marine Walk, Hayling Island, PO11 9PG

Proposal: Installation of photovoltaic panels on roof of clubhouse.

Case Officer: Lewis Ford

Consultee Details

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Comments

Dear Lewis,

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Thank you for consulting me on this application.

The proposal is relatively minor, and the only potential ecological impacts would arise from the effects of noise and visual disturbance to overwintering bird species associated with the adjacent Chichester & Langstone Harbours Special Protection Area (SPA) and Ramsar: the application form is incorrect in stating that there are no designated sites in close proximity and given the proximity of the site to the adjacent intertidal habitats there is clearly a risk of disturbance. I am generally content that the proposed works are unlikely to result in noise levels or visual disturbance sufficient to result in impacts to wintering bird species. However, this is based on an assumption that the installation will be of relatively short duration and not require the use of large plant or other equipment likely to generate significant noise emissions. I would suggest that this requires confirmation from the applicant a statement detailing proposed installation methods would allow the LPA to ascertain whether any restrictions on noise will be required.

NPPF, Circular 06/2005 and Natural England Standing Advice on Protected Species, 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 LPA prior to determination, particularly in the case of protected habitats and species, which are a material planning consideration. This will enable the LPA to determine the application on the basis of full knowledge about the ecological impacts of the proposal and to ensure that any impacts can and will be mitigated and are acceptable.

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

Kind regards,

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