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Dear Selina

Planning consultation: HRA further to proposed gas-fuelled capacity mechanism embedded generation plant (re: APP/17/00511 & APP/18/01281).

Location: Hermitage Park, Harts Farm Way, Havant

Thank you for your consultation on the above dated 21 October 2022 which was received by Natural England on the same date.

Natural England is a non-departmental public body. Our statutory purpose is to ensure that the natural environment is conserved, enhanced, and managed for the benefit of present and future generations, thereby contributing to sustainable development.

SUMMARY OF NATURAL ENGLAND'S ADVICE

NO OBJECTION - SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATE MITIGATION BEING SECURED

We consider that without appropriate mitigation the application would have an adverse effect on the integrity of SPA functionally linked land.

In order to mitigate these adverse effects and make the development acceptable, the following mitigation measures are required / or the following mitigation options should be secured:

- Construction Environmental Management Plan

We advise that an appropriate planning condition or obligation is attached to any planning permission to secure these measures. The detail should be confirmed via an Appropriate Assessment

Natural England's further advice on designated sites/landscapes and advice on other natural environment issues is set out below.

The consultation documents provided by your authority do not include information to demonstrate that the requirements of Regulations 63 and 64 of the [Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017 \(as amended\)](#) have been considered by your authority, i.e. the consultation does not include a Habitats Regulations Assessment.

In advising your authority on the requirements relating to Habitats Regulations Assessment, it is Natural England's advice that the proposal is not necessary for the management of the European

site. Your authority should therefore determine whether the proposal is likely to have a significant effect on any European site, proceeding to the Appropriate Assessment stage where significant effects cannot be ruled out.

Solent SPAs functionally linked land – No objection subject to mitigation

We previously responded to this application on 21st July 2022 (Our ref: 394228) Construction Environmental Management Plan (CEMP) should be submitted to and approved in writing by your retained Ecologist that identifies the steps and procedures that identifies the steps and procedures that will be implemented to avoid or mitigate constructional impacts on the adjacent Chichester and Langstone Harbours SPA, Ramsar and the SPA's functional land.

This advice still applies and the detail should be confirmed via an Appropriate Assessment.

Air Quality – No Objection

Natural England notes that the shadow Habitats Regulations Assessment provided with the consultation has screened the proposal to check for the likelihood of significant effects from aerial emissions on the above named European sites.

The assessment concludes that the proposal can be screened out from further stages of assessment because significant effects are unlikely to occur, either alone or in combination. It identifies that the localities predicted to have an exceedance of the 1% Critical threshold do not contain habitats or interest features of the SPA which are sensitive to nitrogen and acid deposition. On the basis of information provided, Natural England concurs with this view.

To meet the requirements of the Habitats Regulations, we advise you to record your decision that a likely significant effect can be ruled out.

For any queries regarding this letter, for new consultations, or to provide further information on this consultation please send your correspondences to consultations@naturalengland.org.uk.

Yours sincerely

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