

Habitat Regulation Assessment (HRA) Screening Matrix and Appropriate Assessment Statement

PLEASE NOTE: Undertaking the HRA process is the responsibility of the decision maker as the Competent Authority for the purpose of the Habitats Regulations. However, it is the responsibility of the applicant to provide the Competent Authority with the information that they require for this purpose.

HRA drafting date:	6 th January 2022
HRA completion date:	1 st February 2022
Application reference:	APP/21/00768
Application address:	129 Havant Road, Hayling Island, PO11 0LE
Application description:	Part conversion part extension of large single storey rear garage to form a chalet style two storey annex with dormers
Lead Planning Officer:	Joseph Toole
Please note that all references in this assessment to the 'Habitats Regulations' refer to The Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017.	

Stage 1 - details of the plan or project

European site potentially impacted by planning application, plan or project:	▪ Adjacent Chichester and Langstone Harbours SPA, ▪ Ramsar ▪ SPA's functional land
Is the planning application directly connected with or necessary to the management of the site (if yes, Applicant should have provided details)?	The proposal is not necessary for the management of the European site.
Are there any other projects or plans that together with the planning application being assessed could affect the site?	No.

Stage 2 - HRA screening assessment

Screening under Regulation 63(1)(a) of the Habitats Regulations – The Applicant to provide evidence so that a judgement can be made as to whether there could be any potential significant impacts of the development on the integrity of the SPA/SAC/Ramsar.

The proposed development is within 0.4 km of Chichester & Langstone Harbours SPA/Ramsar.

Loss / degradation of supporting habitats

The site lies near to a supporting habitat for bird species (Brent Geese and Waders) associated

with the Solent SPA sites.

The site to the west has been monitored as part of the Solent Waders & Brent Goose Strategy (SWBGS) and is identified as site H60G for the purposes of the strategy. Site H60G and other sites identified in the strategy can be seen at <https://solentwbgs.wordpress.com/page-2/>.

The only potential impacts would result from construction and operational-phase in respect of noise and disturbance. However, a Construction Management Plan has been approved by the County Ecologist which would help mitigate operational noise and disturbance, with the works not entailing percussive noise, to be carried out between April and September.

A condition requested compliance to the Construction Management Plan has been recommended.

Construction noise / activity / pollution

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There is potential for construction noise and activity to cause disturbance of SPA qualifying bird species present on the adjacent primary use site, however it is deemed this would be unlikely to manifest in any material harm.

Would the proposal lead to a likely significant effect on European site integrity? .

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Stage 3 - Appropriate Assessment

Appropriate Assessment under Regulation 63(1) - if there are any potential significant impacts, the applicant must provide evidence showing avoidance and/or mitigation measures to allow an Assessment to be made. The Applicant must also provide details which demonstrate any long-term management, maintenance and funding of any solution.

N/A

Stage 4 – Summary of the Appropriate Assessment (To be carried out by the Competent Authority (the local planning authority) in liaison with Natural England

N/A

Natural England Officer:

Natural England were consulted with this Habitat Regulations Assessment and having considered the assessment, and the measures proposed to mitigate for all identified adverse effects that could potentially occur as a result of the proposal, Natural England advises that we concur with the assessment conclusions.