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Subject: APP/21/00768 - 129 Havant Road, Hayling Island, PO11 0LE

Dear Mr J Toole,

APP/21/00768 - 129 Havant Road, Hayling Island, PO11 0LE - Conversion of large single storey rear garage to chalet style two storey annexe.

The application is not accompanied by any ecological information and I have therefore carried out my own non-exhaustive desk-based assessment using the application documents, online sources and GIS mapping. The small scale construction activity arising from the proposals has the potential to impact sites listed in the Solent Waders & Brent Goose Strategy (SWBGS): these sites form supporting habitat for the nearby Solent Special Protection Areas (SPA). SWBGS sites H53C and H53D, are situated 120m west and adjacent to the site. It is well-established that novel construction noise can result in disturbance of bird species up to distances of 2-300m. With respect to SWBGS sites there is potential for disturbance impacts only during the overwintering season which extends between 1 October and 31 March.

In common with similar applications nearby, where Natural England requested further information to be provided. Havant Borough Council, as the 'competent authority' with respect to the Habitats Regulations, should screen this proposal for potential likely significant effect on SPA supporting habitat. I would recommend that a Construction Environment Management Plan (CEMP) is produced, which shall include an assessment of the likely impacts and details of measures to avoid/minimise noise and visual disturbance.

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 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.

Please let me know if you have any queries.

Kind Regards

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