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Dear Mr Cantwell,

Planning consultation: Repair and raise sea boundary walls and new low wall/replacement gates
Location: 66 Bath Road, Emsworth, PO10 7ES

Thank you for your consultation on the above dated and received by Natural England on 31 July 2014.

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.

The Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (as amended)
The Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2010 (as amended)

Natural England's comments in relation to this application are provided in the following sections.

Statutory nature conservation sites – no objection

This application is in close proximity to the Chichester Harbour and Warblington Meadow Sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI's). The Chichester Harbour SSSI forms part of the Chichester and Langstone Harbours Wetland of International Importance under the Ramsar Convention (Ramsar Site) and Special Protection Area (SPA), and also the Solent Maritime Special Area of Conservation (SAC)

Natural England advises your authority that the proposal, if undertaken in strict accordance with the details submitted, is not likely to have a significant effect on the interest features for which Chichester and Langstone Harbours Ramsar and SPA, and Solent Maritime SAC have been classified. Natural England therefore advises that your Authority is not required to undertake an Appropriate Assessment to assess the implications of this proposal on the site's conservation objectives.¹

In addition, Natural England is satisfied that the proposed development being carried out in strict accordance with the details of the application, as submitted, will not damage or destroy the interest

¹ This reply comprises our statutory consultation response under provisions of Article 20 of the Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2010, Regulation 61 (3) of the *Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2010 (as amended)*, (The Habitat Regulations) and Section 28(l) of the *Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (as amended)*.

features for which the Chichester Harbour and Warblington Meadow SSSI's have been notified. We therefore advise your authority that these SSSI's do not represent a constraint in determining this application. Should the details of this application change, Natural England draws your attention to Section 28(I) of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (as amended), requiring your authority to re-consult Natural England.

Local sites

If the proposal site is on or adjacent to a local site, e.g. Local Wildlife Site, Regionally Important Geological/Geomorphological Site (RIGS) or Local Nature Reserve (LNR) the authority should ensure it has sufficient information to fully understand the impact of the proposal on the local site before it determines the application.

Impact Risk Zones for Sites of Special Scientific Interest

Natural England has recently published a set of mapped Impact Risk Zones (IRZs) for Sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSSIs). This helpful GIS tool can be used by LPAs and developers to consider whether a proposed development is likely to affect a SSSI and determine whether they will need to consult Natural England to seek advice on the nature of any potential SSSI impacts and how they might be avoided or mitigated. Further information and guidance on how to access and use the IRZs is available on the [Natural England website](#).

We would be happy to comment further should the need arise but if in the meantime you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact us.

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.

We really value your feedback to help us improve the service we offer. We have attached a feedback form to this letter and welcome any comments you might have about our service.

Yours sincerely
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