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Dear Heather,

APP/14/00538 | Application to determine whether prior approval is required for the method of demolition of an above ground gas holder, boiler house and any proposed restoration of the site | SGN Site, Palmers Road, Emsworth 14.1785

Thank you for consulting me on this application.

The application is accompanied by a Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA) (Wardell Armstrong, October 2014) which provides a competent assessment of the potential for 'likely significant effect' on the nearby Chichester & Langstone Harbours Special Protection Area (SPA). This information is sufficient to allow the LPA to accord with its obligations under the Habitats Directive.

The proposed works are to be carried out under a detailed method statement which provides clear procedural actions for avoiding any potential for impacts to the SPA and habitats associated with it. Of particular relevance here is the close proximity of the River Ems (immediately to the east), which flows south into the SPA. The Ems also supports a good population of water vole as well as being an intrinsically-valuable freshwater habitat.

Based on the information presented, I am content that the potential for impacts has been well-detailed and that provided the proposed works are carried out in strict accordance with the submitted details, there should be no impact to the SPA or any other ecological receptor. I note that Natural England have also raised no objection.

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

Kind regards,

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