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Dear Mr Eaves

Planning consultation: Further ecology information - Installation of Generator Compound
Location: Land at Harts Farm Way, Havant

Thank you for your consultation on the above which was dated 19 September 2014 and received by Natural England on 19 September 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.

In your letter, you request that Natural England provides advice on European Protected Species.

Natural England has published [Standing Advice](#) on protected species. The Standing Advice includes a habitat decision tree which provides advice to planners on deciding if there is a 'reasonable likelihood' of protected species being present. It also provides detailed advice on the protected species most often affected by development, including flow charts for individual species to enable an assessment to be made of a protected species survey and mitigation strategy. As Standing Advice it is a material consideration in the determination of applications in the same way as any individual response received from Natural England following consultation.

The Standing Advice should not be treated as giving any indication or providing any assurance in respect of European Protected Species (EPS) that the proposed development is unlikely to affect the EPS present on the site; nor should it be interpreted as meaning that Natural England has reached any views as to whether a licence is needed (which is the developer's responsibility) or may be granted.

You should apply our Standing Advice to this application and having done so, if you require further advice on European Protected Species, please could you:

- Set out what you require assistance with in the form of specific questions and include the case history.

Once you have gathered together this information please contact us at:
consultations@naturalengland.org.uk.



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Natural England has previously commented on this proposal and made comments to the authority in our letter dated 11 August 2014. The advice provided in our previous response applies equally to this additional information although we made no objection to the original proposal.

Should the proposal be amended in a way which **significantly** affects its impact on the natural environment then, in accordance with Section 4 of the Natural Environment and Rural Communities Act 2006, Natural England should be consulted again. Before sending us the amended consultation, please assess whether the changes proposed will materially affect any of the advice we have previously offered. If they are unlikely to do so, please do not re-consult us.

Yours sincerely

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