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BY EMAIL ONLY

Dear Mr Eaves,

Planning consultation: Application for Certificate of Lawful proposed development relating to taking off and landing of model helicopters and parking for members.

Location: Verner Common, Copse Lane, Hayling Island

Thank you for your consultation on the above dated 06 September 2013.

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 application site is within Chichester Harbour Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI). This SSSI is part of the Chichester and Langstone Harbours Special Protection Area (SPA)/Ramsar.

Whilst Natural England has no specific information to add with regard to the application for a Lawful Development Certificate, we would highlight that an LDC does not constitute consent under the Habitats Regulations. We would therefore advise that due to the location of this activity in a sensitive area designated for its bird interest, that a Habitats Regulations Assessment is required for this activity.

Furthermore, we would clarify that if a LDC were to be granted this would not constitute consent under SSSI legislation.

For any queries relating to the specific advice in this letter only please contact Simon Thompson on 0600 030 4625. For any new consultations, or to provide further information on this consultation please send your correspondences to consultations@naturalengland.org.uk.

Yours sincerely,

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