

Appendix 4:

Natural England Letter of Support

Dated 24th August 2011



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Dear Caroline

**EASTOKE POINT COASTAL DEFENCE WORKS: SOUTHERN FRONTAGE – GUIDANCE
FOR AN APPROPRIATE ASSESSMENT (AUGUST 2011)**

**Chichester and Langstone Harbour Special Protection Area/Ramsar (SPA/Ramsar)
Solent Maritime Special Area of Conservation (SAC)**

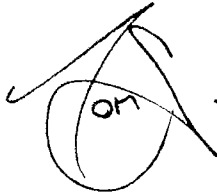
Following the information received from the Havant Borough Council for the Eastoke Point Coastal Defence Works scheme, we write to confirm that **Natural England agrees with the outcomes in the Appropriate Assessment**. However, we would like to emphasise the requirement to compensate for any internationally designated habitat or interest feature, which may be lost or affected as a result of the Strategy. Natural England would expect this loss or damage to any interest feature to be addressed through the Regional Habitat Creation Programme and Natural England will continue to work with the Environment Agency to achieve this.

Natural England expects to be formally consultant with regards to planning permission. It is at this stage that Natural England will also provide any necessary assent or advice for the purposes of s28H of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (as amended). Before undertaking any proposed works, the operating authority, having considered its general duty under section 28G(2) of The Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (as amended), is required to give notice to Natural England and is required to carry out the works in accordance with the provisions of section 28H of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (as amended). This is because the proposed works will be within or adjacent to the SSSIs found within the designated sites listed above.

Finally, we would like to congratulate you for progressing the scheme forward and to thank you for working closely with Natural England.

Please do not hesitate to contact Natural England if you need any further advice or help.

Yours sincerely



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Summary of Natural England's advice at the option choice stage	Answer only yes or no
Is the proposal likely to lead to an environmentally acceptable solution?	Yes

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