

Dear Tina,

APP/24/00316 | Part removal of existing condemned dwelling. Two storey side extension with pitched roof and catslide end. New porch to front elevation. Formation of new driveway to front garden. | 2 West Haye Cottages, St Peters Road, Hayling Island, PO11 0RT

Thank you for consulting me on this application. I have reviewed the submitted Construction Environment Management Plan (CEMP) and it is acceptable. The site is immediately adjacent to the Solent Waders & Brent Goose Strategy (SWBGS) Site H60G, a Core Area of supporting habitat for bird species associated with the nearby Solent Special Protection Areas (SPAs). Although no direct impacts are expected, construction activities – and particularly noise and visual disturbance – can result in disturbance of birds. The area of H60G most suitable for SPA bird species is the main bulk of the large field situated to the south-west of the application site, therefore not the area immediately adjacent to the application site.

The submitted CEMP includes the following statements:

- *No loud piling or vibration-intensive groundworks shall take place between 1st September and 30th April, inclusive.*
- *All noisy construction activities must be scheduled outside this window, unless agreed in writing with the Local Planning Authority and/or Natural England*

These are acceptable, although I should highlight that the accepted threshold for noise-related disturbance to birds is 69dB i.e. that noise above this level at the location of any bird is thought likely to result in disturbance. In general, the avoidance of any loud, percussive construction noise within the overwintering period – taken to be 1 October to 30 April in any year – is deemed sufficient to prevent disturbance impacts.

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

Kind regards,

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