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FAO Steve Weaver

Your ref: APP/23/00076 **Technical Note response to NE** COU of land and woodland (retrospective) as a wedding and events venue, inc retention of permanent ancillary buildings and structures, the erection of removable structures (including marquees and temporary facilities), and the use of the land as a campsite in association with events. Construction of vehicular track from the public highway to the proposed wedding and events venue at Tournerbury Woods. Tournerbury Woods, Tournerbury Lane, Hayling Island.
Our ref: 441181

No Objection Subject to mitigation

Thank you for consulting us on the above application.

In our previous response we requested further information on the nature and context of the earth bank for which a section is proposed to be removed in order to connect the two tracks. This has now been provided in the submitted Technical note (Holbury Consultancy). Based on the information provided, Natural England are satisfied that the section of bank in question is not an ancient woodland boundary feature and that removal of this section will not damage or destroy interest features for which the SSSI has been designated.

The Technical note dated 14th June 2023 (Holbury Consultancy) confirms that materials to infill the ditch are already stored on the Tournerbury Woods Estate and no importation of further materials will be required. It also stipulates that no removal of trees or shrubs within the SSSI boundary will be required, the 4 shrubs to be removed fall outside the SSSI boundary.

A Construction Environmental Management Plan (CEMP) has also been submitted (Mayer Brown July 2023), The CEMP sets out a number of steps of measures including that work will be completed using hand held machinery, no refuelling will be required and that material from the bank removal will be spread on the adjacent field which is outside of the SSSI. Provided this is secured with any permission and adhered to at all times then Natural England are satisfied that the applicant has mitigated against potential impacts during works to remove the section of bank and infill the remainder of the disused ditch. Havant Borough Council, should be satisfied that this can be secured, monitored and enforced.

For any queries regarding this letter or for new consultations, please send your correspondences to consultations@naturalengland.org.uk.

Yours sincerely

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