

Subject: Planning Application APP/21/01434 - Rook Farm Hayling Island

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Dear Sirs,

Further to the upload of the latest documents from the Developer for the above application I would like to submit the following Brent Goose sightings from 2025, it appears that these are more recent than the developers survey results so will be pertinent in any decision. I have copies of all the photographic evidence referenced in the reports and would add that all this information was originally sent to HIWWT for their records at the time of recording.

I would have supplied the enclosed information by commenting on the planning portal but, unless I am mistaken, the portal is closed to the general public but open to the applicants to submit additional documents.

The developers documentation states that there were no Brent Goose sightings in 2024 but fails to point out that this was because of normal crop rotation which meant that the usual crops were not planted that year meaning that the land was not attractive to the geese. As you will note from the records attached crop type reverted back to the winter wheat late in 2024 and hence the Brent Geese returned to this core site late in 2024 and early 2025 until they migrated.

The Brent Goose have been visiting this core site in large numbers for many years and we have been recording the activity since 2008 [REDACTED]



in support of our objections

for the previous application in 2014 as the evidence put forward by the developers for that application was woefully out of date and did not appear to be being challenged by planning at the time.

I also note from the latest submissions that an alternative refuge site has been identified but it is unclear how the proposed site, which is already and has been for many years been part of the refuge network, makes any additional contribution. The proposed mitigation site is already part of the support network on the Island so cannot mitigate for the loss of a core site without finding another site to offset the net loss of refuge. Maybe there is something that I am misunderstanding but it would seem logical that to mitigate for the loss of a core site cannot be to use an existing refuge site for mitigation of the loss.

Please feel free to contact me should you need further information or copies of the photographic evidence and I assume that this communication will be added to the documents available for the general public and those delegated with making the decision on approval or rejection of the application.

