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To Fox, Jennie <Jennie.Fox@havant.gov.uk>

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Dear Jennie,

**APP/25/00071 | The excavation of grassland scrapes with related landscaping, boundary treatments, and associated works to create enhanced habitat for wetland birds. | Land Forming part of, Northney Farm, St Peters Road, Hayling Island**

Thank you for consulting me on this application. I have reviewed the Wetland Bird Mitigation Habitat Management and Monitoring Plan – FINAL (EPR, March 2025) and have been involved in detailed discussions with the applicant's ecologist for over a year. The proposals have also been discussed in detail with Natural England.

Overall, I am content with the information submitted. The proposal will provide a permanent source of suitable grassland habitat to support populations of SPA bird species. The additional of scrapes within fields H60E and H60F will provide additional enhancements. The strengthening of the boundary with the footpath will provide additional protection to the enhanced habitat through a reduction in disturbance. Management of the bird habitat will be carried out by the landowner, financed by the applicant. Monitoring will be undertaken by an appointed ecologist, with monitoring reports provided to key stakeholders including Havant Borough Council.

If you are minded to grant permission, can I suggest the following condition wording:

*Development shall proceed in accordance with the habitat creation, management, and monitoring measures as detailed in the Wetland Bird Mitigation Habitat Management and Monitoring Plan – FINAL (EPR, March 2025) unless otherwise agreed in writing by the Local Planning Authority.  
Reason: to provide ecological enhancement in accordance with the Environment Act 2021, Conservation Regulations 2017, Wildlife & Countryside Act 1981, NPPF, NERC Act 2006 and Policy CS 11 of the Havant Borough Core Strategy March 2011.*

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

Kind regards,

Tristan

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