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Development Control
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Our ref: HA/2011/112397/01-L01
Your ref: C/11/69996

Date: 15 December 2011

Dear Sir/Madam

RECONFIGURATION OF PONTOON WITH NEW ACCESS PONTOONS, SECURITY GATES AND TUBULAR STEEL PILES FOLLOWING REMOVAL OF EXISTING PONTOONS & MUD BERTH

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Thank you for consulting the Environment Agency on the above application which we received on 25 November 2011.

Environment Agency Position
We can confirm that we have no objections to the proposed development.

Advice to Local Planning Authority / Applicant:

It is understood from the application that there will be no net loss of intertidal habitat as a result of these works.

The Environment Agency issued its own consent for these works on 02 February 2011.

Providing the works are undertaken in accordance with that agreed for the Flood Defence Consent then we have no further comment. This includes both the timing of the works and the methods to be used.

The applicant is advised to follow the Environment Agency Pollution Prevention Guidance Note 5 Works and Maintenance in or near Water available at:

http://www.environment-agency.gov.uk/business/topics/pollution/39083.aspx.

In the event of a pollution incident, all works should cease immediately and the Environment Agency contacted on their incident hotline 0800 807060.

The proposed works location is within the 'Southampton Water' waterbody of the Water Framework Directive (WFD). The Water Framework Directive requires that all inland and coastal waters within defined river basin districts must reach at least Good Status or Good Potential, and defines how this should be achieved through the establishment of environmental objectives and ecological targets for surface waters. The WFD requires no deterioration in the current status of the water body. It also includes an objective to 'aim to improve' any water body that is not presently at Good Status or Good Potential. The 'Southampton Water' waterbody is currently at Moderate Potential.

We have assessed this application against the 'no deterioration' requirements of the WFD. This has included an assessment of the works' potential for impacts on the status of the WFD quality elements, specific pollutants, priority substances and protected areas (e.g. Shellfish Waters and Special Protected Areas). Our conclusion is that this proposal will not have a substantial impact on the current status of the waterbody.

As a matter of good practice, sediment disturbance should be kept to a minimum during the proposed works to minimise the potential risks to water quality from increased suspended solids, contaminants and/or bacteriological levels.

If you have any queries regarding the information set out above please contact me on the number below.

A copy of the subsequent decision notice would be appreciated.

Yours faithfully

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