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BY EMAIL ONLY

Dear Rachael,

Planning consultation: Removal of one pile and relocation of one pile and pontoons
Location: Royal Southern Yacht Club, Hamble-le-Rice, SO31 4HB

Thank you for your consultation on the above which was received by Natural England on 16 June 2022 along with an Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA) received on the 08 August 2022 and a final updated version of the HRA received 09 August 2022.

Natural England is a non-departmental public body. Our statutory purpose is to ensure that the natural environment is conserved, enhanced, and managed for the benefit of present and future generations, thereby contributing to sustainable development.

SUMMARY OF NATURAL ENGLAND'S ADVICE

NO OBJECTION

Based on the plans submitted, Natural England considers that the proposed development will not have significant adverse impacts on designated sites and has no objection.

Natural England's further advice on designated sites and advice on other natural environment issues is set out below.

European sites – Solent Maritime Special Area of Conservation (SAC) and Solent and Southampton Water Special Protection Area and Ramsar and Solent and Dorset Coast Special Protection Area (SPA)

Appropriate Assessment

We note that your authority, as competent authority under the provisions of the Habitats Regulations, has undertaken an Appropriate Assessment of the proposal in accordance with Regulation 63 of the Regulations.

Natural England is a statutory consultee on the Appropriate Assessment stage of the Habitats Regulations Assessment process.

Your appropriate assessment concludes that your authority is able to ascertain that the proposal will not result in adverse effects on the integrity of any of the sites in question. Having considered the assessment, Natural England advises that we concur with the assessment conclusions.

While we concur with the findings of your Appropriate Assessment, our ability to do so confidently is enhanced by pre-existing familiarity with the local habitat at the proposed site. We would suggest that when undertaking any future Appropriate Assessment, in addition to quantifying the extent of the habitat loss, greater focus is placed on identifying the quality of that local habitat and its value to the overall functioning or 'integrity' of the wider protected site.

Lee-on-the Solent to Itchen Estuary Site of Special Scientific Interest

Based on the plans submitted, Natural England considers that the proposed development will not damage or destroy the interest features for which the site has been notified and has no objection.

Other advice

Invasive Non-Native Species (INNS)

The Applicant should ensure that all necessary biosecurity measures are taken to avoid the introduction and or spread of INNS.

Migratory Fish

The proposed works have the potential to affect migratory fish communities which may be present in the river. Natural England recommends that you consult the Environment Agency for further information about the requirement for possible timing restrictions.

For any queries relating to the content of this letter please contact me using the details provided below.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Jm', enclosed within a large, loopy circular flourish.

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