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Subject: FAO Mr Gary Osmond REF: F/22/93593 16 Keble Road,
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Dear Mr Osmond,

Application ref: F/22/93593
Our ref: 405262

Recreational impacts on the New Forest SAC, SPA and Ramsar

[Recent analysis](#) shows that new residential development within a 13.8km buffer zone of the New Forest designated sites is likely to have a significant effect on the sites via recreational impacts (including disturbance, trampling, eutrophication amongst others), alone and/or in combination with other plans or projects. Larger developments (e.g. EIA development) beyond this zone but within 15km may also contribute to recreational impacts on the designated sites.

This application is situated within the 13.8km zone, and therefore Natural England advise your Habitats Regulations Assessment includes this potential impact pathway for consideration, alone and in combination with other plans/projects, proceeding to appropriate assessment stage where likely significant effects cannot be ruled out. It will need to set out in detail any mitigation measures that will be secured in this case, along with the necessary justification of their likely efficacy so as to ensure there is no adverse effect on the integrity of the site(s) in accordance with the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017 (as amended). Natural England will be happy to advise your Council and/or the applicant further on this aspect via our Discretionary Advice Service.

Water quality/nutrient neutrality advice

This proposal potentially affects European Sites vulnerable to nutrient impacts. Please refer to Natural England's overarching advice dated 16th March 2022 and sent to all relevant Local Planning Authorities.

When consulting Natural England on proposals with the potential to affect water quality resulting in nutrient impacts on European Sites please ensure that a Habitats Regulations Assessment is included which has been informed by the Nutrient Neutrality Methodology (provided within our overarching advice letter). Without this information Natural England will not be in a position to comment on the significance of the impacts. For large scale developments, Natural England may provide advice on a cost recovery basis through our [Discretionary advice service](#).

All queries in relation to the application of this methodology to specific applications or development of strategic solutions will be treated as pre-application advice and therefore subject to chargeable services.

Natural England has not assessed this application for impacts on protected species. Natural England has published [Standing Advice](#) which you can use to assess impacts on protected species or you may wish to consult your own ecology services for advice.

Natural England and the Forestry Commission have also published standing advice on [ancient woodland and veteran trees](#) which you can use to assess any impacts on ancient woodland.

Yours sincerely,

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