

## **Consultation from Marine Management Organisation**

**Case reference: MLA/2022/00414**

**Consultation Number: CS/22/94012**

**Site: Port Hamble Marina, Hamble-Le-Rice, SO31 4HH**

**Description: fuel pontoon replacement**

### **Proposal**

The fuelling pontoons at Port Hamble Marina are approaching the end of their serviceable life. As such, there is a requirement to replace the pontoons in their entirety (i.e. new frames, floats, and decking) to allow continued operation of the fuel facility to berth holders, visitors, and other Hamble River users. The fuel pontoon is made up of 3 no. 11.5 metre x 2.9-meter aluminium pontoon sections, totalling an area of approx. 100m<sup>2</sup> and will be replaced with the same size pontoons.

The fuel pipes will be purged of fuel and then the fuel tanks shut off. Dispensers will be disconnected and removed from the pontoons prior to pontoons being disconnected. Fuel pipes on the fuel pontoon will be decommissioned and sealed. There will be a spill kit onsite.

The new pontoons will be constructed on land within 10 miles of the site, they will be loaded onto a barge and transported to Port Hamble Marine, therefore, there will be no risk from invasive species. The existing pontoons will be disconnected and ready to be lifted and removed once the new pontoons arrive at the site. The new pontoons will be lifted and secured into position, using the existing piles to secure to. The old pontoons will be lifted onto the barge and taken back to the yard on the River Itchen, lift, and environmentally disposed of.

### **Consultations**

Ecology – No objection

### **Decision - Raise No Objection**

The scale of works is small, comprising the replacement of three like for like pontoons (100m<sup>2</sup> area). The piles to which the pontoons are attached, are not being replaced. It will take one day to remove the old pontoons and another to install the new pontoons by barge (total installation process will take up to four weeks). The level of activity is likely to be within the normal parameters of the area. Therefore any disturbance to birds using the SPA, or nearby residents, is likely to be minimal. No material long terms impacts.