

CS/26/101642 Hamble oil Terminal Jetty

Marine Management Organisation (MMO) Consultation Request: Licence to conduct maintenance dredging and disposal at Hamble jetty and approaches.

Thank you for consulting Ecology, my observations are as follows:

The Shadow Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA) of the Port of Southampton Masterplan 2015 - 2035 was unable to conclude that there would not be an adverse effect on the integrity on the suite of European sites in and around Southampton water. The report cites a lack of sufficient detail for each element of the masterplan to determine with certainty the impacts and defers this to project level HRA. The HRA accepts that IROPI may exist in the future for some elements of the masterplan.

This particular application is for dredging and disposal of the access channel to Hamble Oil Jetty which will require a project level HRA.

A note relating to habitats and their protection has been included in the submitted material, but it does not contain information regarding how the works will impact the protected sites and associated species or how they can be mitigated.

The competent authority (in this case MMO) will need to carry out a project level HRA considering direct and indirect impacts on the designated European sites and what mitigation measures may be relevant within the appropriate assessment. In particular they will need to understand the nature of the dredging for this particular project, the seasonal timings and duration in order to assess this fully.

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