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Dear Rachael Morris

Consultation: F/24/98269 - Installation of 1no. floating pontoon between piles V23 & V24 at Upper area of the River Hamble, between piles V23 and V24, opposite Swanwick Marina.

Location: Lands' End Rd, Old, Bursledon, Southampton SO31 8DN

Thank you for your consultation which was received by Natural England on 03 October 2024.

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

The following constitutes Natural England's formal response on the above application.

Statutory nature conservation sites – no objection

We can confirm that the proposed works are located within Solent and Dorset Coast Special Protection Area (SPA), and Solent Maritime (SAC) as well as approximately 136m from Solent & Southampton Water Ramsar, Solent & Southampton Water SPA and unit 3 of Lincegrove and Hackett's Marshes Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI)

Natural England advises that the proposal is unlikely to affect any statutorily protected nature conservation sites providing strict adherence to the method statement provided.

We advise that the application is unlikely to cause significant damage to a Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI)¹, hinder the conservation objectives of a Marine Conservation Zone (MCZ)² or result in a likely significant effect to a Special Area of Conservation (SAC), a Special Protection Area (SPA) or Ramsar site alone or in-combination with other plans and projects³.

Natural England should be re-consulted should it not be possible to adhere to the method statement in the planning application. Please contact MMO marine.consents@marinemanagement.org.uk, should

¹ Under the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (as amended)

² Under the Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009

³ Under the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017 (as amended) and The Conservation of Offshore Marine Habitats and Species Regulations 2017 (as amended)

you wish to discuss this further.

Other Relevant Matters

Natural England recommend that the applicant uses best practice measures in order to reduce the risk of impacts on marine habitats by ensuring;

- Only coatings and treatments that are suitable for use in the marine environment should be used.
- All reasonable precautions must be undertaken to ensure no pollutants enter the waterbody.
- All equipment, temporary structures, waste and/or debris associated with the application will be removed upon completion of the works.
- Spill kits will be carried where vehicles and machinery are to be used and any spills will be reported

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. To reduce the risk of introducing or spreading INNS plan all activities, to follow the Check, Clean, Dry procedures at all times (Check, Clean, Dry - GB non-native species secretariat (www.nonnativespecies.org/what-can-i-do/check-clean-dry/)).

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

Yours sincerely,

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