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Monday 13 October 2025

Dear Mr Tinsley,

Your Ref:	MLA/2025/00382
Our Ref:	CS/25/100083
Description:	Marine Management Organisation Consultation Request. Consultation on Application for a Marine Licence- MLA/2025/00382 Hamble Yacht Service Replacement
Site:	HYS Holdings Ltd Port Hamble Marina Satchell Lane, Hamble, SO31 4NN

Thank you for consulting Eastleigh Borough Council on the above application for a Marine Licence. Having reviewed the submission, the Council would make the following comments.

This site is located within and immediately adjacent to the Solent and Southampton Water SPA and Ramsar site, the Solent and Dorset Coast SPA, the Solent Maritime SAC, the Lee-on-the-Solent to Itchen Estuary and to the south of Solent Wader and Brent Goose Network Core Area E13. These activities have the potential to disturb overwintering birds in this area. Areas F57, F71 and F71a are located across the River Hamble, so overwintering birds in these sites may also be disturbed. There are also records of harbour seals in the River Hamble in this area.

Concerns are raised based on the conflict between the timing of this work and the overwintering period of Solent Waders and Brent Geese and potential disturbance to these sites and their designated species. The WFD scoping document states that the work would be done within a planned window of between 1st October to 31st March inclusive each year. This would conflict with and cause disturbance to overwintering Solent Waders and Brent Geese.

Section 7.3 in The Solent Waders and Brent Goose Strategy (October 2024, available at: <https://solentwbgs.wordpress.com/wp-content/uploads/2025/04/solent-waders-brent-goose-strategy-2024.pdf>) states that Avoidance and mitigation measures may include carrying out construction works outside of the core winter period (October-

March inclusive) or enhancing the feeding or roosting site to increase its capacity through favourable management.

It is recommended consulting the Solent Waders and Brent Geese Strategy Steering Group at the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust and the Hamble Harbourmaster's office for recommendations and for further information on mitigation. This should be done routinely for all applications in this area.

The 2017 Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations states: Any impact on a wader roost or Brent goose feeding site outside of the SPA/Ramsar site boundaries may be considered to have an effect on the international site itself. Where impacts cannot be avoided or satisfactorily reduced/mitigated, the competent authority will need to ascertain that the plan or project will not have a negative impact on the designated populations, which would constitute an adverse effect on the integrity of the international site.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "N Parker". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underneath the name.

Nicholas Parker
Planning Manager