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Our ref: HA/2026/127365/02-L01
Your ref: F/25/100526
Date: 13 February 2026

Dear Sir/Madam

**CONFIRMATION OF TIMING RESTRICTIONS REPLACEMENT OF THE EXISTING
EVENT PONTOON ACCESS BRIDGE**

**HAMBLE POINT MARINA EVENTS PONTOON ACCESS BRIDGE, HAMBLE POINT
MARINA, SCHOOL LANE, SOUTHAMPTON, SO31 4NB**

It has been brought to our attention that there was an error in our previous response (our ref HA/2026/127365/01). Our requested condition stipulated the incorrect timing restrictions. We therefore request that the below condition is included in any permission granted and the previous condition requesting 15 October – 15 March is disregarded.

Environment Agency Position

Piling must only be done between 2nd May to 15th September inclusive to reduce risk to Atlantic Salmon smolts and risk to adults.

Advice to LPA/Applicant

Thank you for raising the issue regarding the differing Environment Agency responses to the MMO and planning applications for Hamble Point Marina pontoon works. After reviewing the application, we agree that the proposed works present a low risk, given the short duration and the reduced number of piles to be installed. Therefore, the MMO conditions will also be applied to the planning application. This includes the less restrictive timing requirement: "All piling should be completed before sensitive fish periods, defined under the River Hamble dredging agreement as 2 May to 15 September."

For clarity, the River Hamble agreement referenced in the WFD assessment relates only to dredging, not piling. The agreement acknowledges piling impacts, it states that a precautionary approach should be used unless evidence demonstrates the activity is

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low risk.

“If an applicant supplies details on method, plant and pile size, the risk can be assessed and case-specific conditions applied; otherwise a precautionary approach is taken.”

In this instance, sufficient detail has been provided to justify a low-risk classification for piling. As such, the less restrictive timing conditions will apply. Please note piling on the River Hamble does not automatically fall under the relaxed dredging window; piling is treated as a separate higher risk activity to dredging. Each case will continue to be assessed individually based on its specific methods and scale.

Yours faithfully

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