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 Your ref: N/a



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Dear Alison,

**Lee-on-the Solent to Itchen Estuary Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI)
 Lincegrove and Hacketts Marshes SSSI
 Solent Maritime Special Area of Conservation (SAC)
 Solent and Southampton Water Special Protection Area (SPA)
 Solent and Southampton Water Wetland of International Importance under the Ramsar
 Convention (Ramsar site)**

**Location: Various locations in the River Hamble, Hampshire
 Proposal: Removal of moorings and replacement with piled/pontoon moorings in
 Warsash Pool, Mercury Gardens and for Hamble River Sailing Club.**

Thank you for consulting Natural England on the above applications for Harbour Works Consent, the proposals have the potential to affect the nearby designated sites listed above.

This letter constitutes Natural England's advice under the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2010. Natural England has no objection to the above applications as we do not believe they will have a likely significant effect upon the SAC, the SPA or the Ramsar site. We also do not believe the proposals will have a detrimental impact upon the SSSIs.

These conclusions are dependent on the following text being included upon the consent:

- The proposed piling works should use vibro-piling as standard. If percussive piling is required then this should only be used in order to drive the piles to their design depth.
- The proposed piling works have the potential to affect migratory fish communities which may be present within the Estuary. Natural England recommends that you consult with the Environment Agency for further information about the requirement for possible timing restrictions.

I hope that this response is clear, please do not hesitate to contact me should you wish to discuss.

Yours Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Graham Horton". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly stylized font.

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