

Date: 22 July 2013
 Our ref: 92163
 Your ref:



Alison Fowler,
 River Hamble Harbour Authority

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Dear Alison,

Lincegrove and Hackett's Marshes Site of Special Scientific Interest (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)

Proposal: Replacement Hoist Dock at Swanwick Marina
Location: Swanwick Marina, River Hamble, Southampton, SO31 1ZL

Thank you for your letter dated 12 July 2013 consulting Natural England on the above application for a marine licence. We have checked our records and based on the information provided, we can confirm that the application site lies adjacent to the designated sites listed above.

Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2010
Advice under Section 28I of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (as amended)
 This letter constitutes Natural England's advice under Regulation 61 of the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2010 and Section 28I of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (as amended).

Natural England has no objection to the proposed development. It is our view that, either alone or in combination with other plans or projects, this proposal would not be likely to have a significant effect on the above sites. Therefore the proposed development does not require an Appropriate Assessment and consent may be granted. We also do not believe that this scheme will have a detrimental effect upon the interest features of the SSSI site listed above.

This decision is based on the following measures being included as suitably worded conditions upon the consent:

- Given the bird sensitivities in the area, the proposed construction will need to be undertaken in a suitable way to minimise disturbance to over wintering birds, therefore it will be necessary to:
 - Ensure best practice is in place for operating machinery to reduce unnecessary noise;
 - Vibro-piling should be used as standard. In the event that it is necessary to use percussive piling methods, then this should only be undertaken in order to drive a pile to its design level, using soft start techniques.

- The proposed piling works have the potential to affect migratory fish communities which may be present within the Estuary and we recommend that you seek further advice from the Environment Agency on this matter.
- The applicant must ensure that any coatings/treatments on the materials used are suitable for use in the marine environment and are used in accordance with best environmental practice.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Hilary Crane', with a horizontal line underneath.

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