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Your ref: Installation of pontoon, YMCA Fairthorne Manor



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Dear Alison

Consultation request - installation of pontoon, YMCA Fairthorne Manor, Curdridge, SO30 2GH

Solent and Southampton Water Special Protection Area (SPA)  
Solent and Southampton Water Ramsar site  
Solent Maritime Special Area of Conservation (SAC)  
Upper Hamble Estuary and Woods Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI)

Thank you for your consultation dated 05 April 2017. The following constitutes Natural England's formal statutory response.

**Marine Works (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2007 (as amended)**

It is our advice, on the basis of the material supplied by the applicant that in respect of statutory designated sites, seascapes and protected species an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) is not required for this application.

**Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009**

The works, as set out in the information supplied by the applicant, are not sited within or near to a Marine Conservation Zone. Natural England have not identified a pathway by which impacts from the development would affect the interest features of the site(s).

**The Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2010 (as amended) and The Offshore Marine Conservation (Natural Habitats, & c.) Regulations 2007 (as amended)**

We can confirm that the proposed works are located within the Solent and Southampton Water SPA, Solent and Southampton Water Ramsar site and the Solent Maritime SAC. Natural England advises that providing the works are carried out in strict accordance with the details of the application which have been submitted, it can be excluded that the application will have a significant effect on any SAC, SPA or Ramsar site, either individually or in combination with other plans or projects. Therefore it is our view that an Appropriate Assessment of the implications of this proposal on the site's conservation objectives should not be required.

This is due to the proposed mitigation for the minor loss of intertidal habitat and the pontoon's location is within an area that is currently used to launch small craft. In particular, the pontoon will be installed parallel to the existing wall and won't significantly protrude into the channel compared to existing infrastructure. The pontoon will therefore not increase the area of disturbance or lead to a further fragmentation of the habitat available to birds.

We recommend that the following conditions are attached to the Harbour Works Consent to ensure that the activity is undertaken in accordance with the details of the application which have been submitted and therefore compliant with the above legislation:

Conditions

- All reasonable precautions are undertaken to ensure no pollutants enter the water-course.
- All equipment and debris associated with the works should be removed from the area upon completion of the works and the area returned to its previous condition.

Reason

To minimise environmental impacts on marine habitats and species

**Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (as amended)**

We can confirm that the proposed works are located within Upper Hamble Estuary and Woods SSSI. Natural England advises that the proposal, if undertaken in strict accordance with the details submitted, is not likely to damage the interest features for which the site has been notified. However we recommend that the following conditions are attached to the marine licence to ensure that the activity is undertaken as per the application and therefore compliant with the above legislation:

However, we recommend that the conditions outlined above are attached to the marine licence to ensure that the activity is undertaken as per the application and is therefore compliant with the above legislation.

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

Yours sincerely

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