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**Subject:** P/18/1073/FP - Land to the South of Romsey Avenue

Dear Richard,

**P/18/1073/FP - Land to the South of Romsey Avenue Fareham - Outline Planning Application For Residential Development Of 225 Dwellings, Bird Conservation Area And Area Of Public Open Space With All Matters Reserved Except For Access**

Thank you for re-consulting me on this planning application. In my previous consultation responses, I had raised concerns in relation to the loss of a Solent Waders and Brent Goose Strategy 'Primary Support Area' and the lack of detail within the submitted EclA report, particularly in relation to the delivery of the reptile receptor site, operational phase impacts on badgers, construction phase noise impacts and cumulative impacts. No revised EclA report has been submitted and since then a number of changes (e.g. location of the bird reserve) has been made, which would necessitate the revision of this document. Therefore, I maintain my concern in relation to impacts on protected species and mitigation measures required to offset these impacts.

A Bird Mitigation Reserve Strategy by Lindsay Carrington Ecological Services Limited (August 2020) has now been submitted. It is understood that Natural England's Discretionary Advice Service was used to design the bird reserve. The location of the bird reserve is in the southern section of the site and will cover approximately 4.2ha, with approximately 3.7ha of the reserve designated to support Brent geese. Justification has been provided in relation to the location of the bird reserve in the south and its size. A comparison has been made with the size of other available Brent geese sites in the wider landscape. It has also been confirmed that the bird reserve will be established prior to the commencement of any development, with the grassland sown with a white clover and perennial ryegrass seed mix. Information has also been provided in relation to the management of the bird reserve and monitoring for an initial ten-year period. Furthermore, a SuDS in the south-western corner is proposed, with new habitat incorporated for sand martin and kingfisher.

Overall, provided that Natural England are satisfied with the proposed bird reserve area, I raise no concerns and recommend that the necessary implementation, management and monitoring of the bird reserve is secured through a S106.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you require any additional information.

Kind regards,  
Maral

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