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Subject: 309057 NE response - P/19/1193/OA HRA & Appropriate Assessment - Land East Of Posbrook Lane, Titchfield, Fareham

FAO Richard Wright

RE: P/19/1193/OA Further information – Outline planning application for the erection of up to 57 dwellings, together with associated parking, landscaping and access from Posbrook Lane - Land East Of Posbrook Lane, Titchfield, Fareham

Thank you for consulting Natural England on further information relating to the above application.

Solent Wader Brent Goose network – no objection subject to mitigation

The application is now supported by a Bird Conservation Area Proposals Addendum (Ecosupport, received 12th Feb 2020) and a report 'Information to Support Habitat Regulations Assessment' (Foreman Homes, received 12th February 2020).

The BCA Addendum confirms that the area devoted to the Bird Conservation Area (BCA) will be of approximately 6.49ha and will not be physically severed by any fencing or access infrastructure associated with the attenuation pond. Natural England welcomes the confirmation that the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust (HIWWT) are willing to take on ownership and management of the site in perpetuity. It is advised that recommendations and advice made in our previous response (letter dated 7th January 2020) regarding the management and enhancements for the site, including an agreement for 'step in rights' for Fareham Borough Council, are incorporated into the arrangement with the HIWWT.

Provided this arrangement is appropriately secured in perpetuity with any granting of permission, Natural England considers the continued ecological function of site F48B is maintained and would have no further concerns over this aspect of the proposals.

Deterioration of the water environment – nutrient overloading of the Solent designated sites

The Information to support an HRA report outlines a nutrient budget for the development that results in a negative N budget, thereby removing the need for any mitigation.

Stage 3 of the calculation applies the Public Open Space/SANG nitrogen loading rate of 5 kg/ha/yr to both the open space area and the proposed Bird Conservation Area. The proposed management of the BCA is not yet confirmed and will take either the form of cut and collect or grazing. Where the grazing management option is adopted, Natural England consider the lower rate of 5kg/TN/ha/yr can be applied to this area provided the regime is of conservation level grazing that provides no supplementary feeding, and is at a density of one livestock unit per 10 hectares. If the grazing management regime will differ from these standards, it is advised further consideration is given to the future N loading rate of this area and the N budget recalculated. Any resulting positive N budget will require mitigation. Natural England would be happy to advise further on this aspect where necessary.

Provided you as competent authority can be assured that the future land use changes can be secured in perpetuity and are enforceable, Natural England would have no further concerns over this aspect of the proposals.

If you have any queries please let me know.

Many thanks,
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