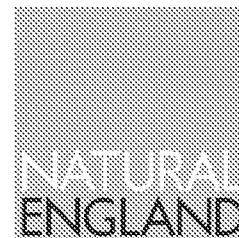


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Dear Mrs Gardner

Climping Beach Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI)

Proposal: Reposition Security fencing, security lighting and construct additional pontoon moorings

Location: Land on west bank of River, Arun, Littlehampton Sailing and Motor Club

Thank you for your letter dated 26 January 2011 consulting Natural England on the above planning application.

The application site lies close to the Climping Beach Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI). This reply comprises our statutory consultation response under the provisions of Article 10 of the Town and Country Planning (General Development Procedure) Order 1995 and Section 28 of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (as amended).

Having considered the information provided and the potential environmental impacts resulting from the proposal upon the above designated site(s) Natural England considers that this application is unlikely to have implications for the SSSI. Consequently, we have no comments to make on this application in respect of the designated site at present.

Local wildlife sites

From the information provided, the application does appear to affect the West Beach Local Nature Reserve. We therefore recommend that you first consult the West Sussex County Ecologist for their view. We also advise you to contact the Sussex Wildlife Trust as they may wish to comment on the nature conservation implications of the proposals.

Landscape concerns outside AONB

Natural England has considered the landscape and visual impacts of this proposal and concluded that this application does not meet our criteria for involvement with casework. We would stress that this should not necessarily be taken to indicate that the effects on landscape and visual amenity are appropriate, but are a matter for the Local Planning Authority to consider.

Protected species

If representations from other parties highlight the possible presence, or the Council is aware of a protected or Biodiversity Action Plan (BAP) species on the site, the Council should request survey information from the applicant before determining the application. Paragraph 98 and 99 of ODPM Circular 06/2005 and Paragraph 16 of Planning Policy Statement 9¹ provide information on BAP and protected species and their consideration in the planning system.

¹ Government Circular: Biodiversity and Geological Conservation – Statutory obligations and their impact within the planning system ODPM Circular 06/2005/Defra Circular 01/2005

We would draw the Council's attention to our protected species standing advice, which provides guidance on when protected species may be impacted by a proposal. The advice can be found at: http://www.naturalengland.org.uk/regions/south_east/ourwork/standingadvice/default.aspx

Natural England would be grateful if the Council were to inform us as to how our advice has been incorporated into the decision made when determining this application.

We would be happy to comment further should the need arise but if in the meantime you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me at the above address.

Yours sincerely



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