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Sent: 14 February 2022 14:52

Subject: Consultation Response - P/178/21/OUT - Land West of Pagham Road Pagham (your ref 380902)

Dear Richard,

I refer to your consultation response dated 08/02/21. I note that we have been requested to consider waste water impacts on the Solent European sites.

Natural England raised this previously in November 2020 on an application I had in the Pagham area (P/97/20/PL). I wrote back querying this and Natural England subsequently submitted a revised response omitting this requirement and referring instead to the need to consider recreation disturbance on the Pagham Harbour SPA. The following is an extract from the email I sent at that time:

We understood that the rules on waste water discharge only applied to districts bordering the Solent such as our neighbour, Chichester District.

This is the first time that Arun District Council has been asked to consider this. I also note that your response does not mention Pagham Harbour and clearly refers to sites which discharge into the Solent. The Pagham Waste Water Treatment Works discharges into the English Channel via the Pagham Harbour, so not into the Solent.

Your letter states in the first page that: "This only applies to developments where the treated effluent discharges into any Solent European site (Solent Maritime SAC, Solent and Southampton Water SPA and Ramsar site, Portsmouth Harbour SPA and Ramsar site, Chichester and Langstone Harbours SPA and Ramsar site, Solent and Dorset Coast SPA or Solent and Isle of Wight Lagoon SAC), or any water body that subsequently discharges into such a site. It is for your authority to determine if this development meets these criteria."

I assume therefore that we can decide that we do not meet these criteria and choose not to follow this advice. However, if this advice is indeed not relevant to us, then we would prefer it if a revised response can be issued.

I look forward to hearing from you at your earliest convenience.

Kind Regards

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