

Date: 23 June 2017
Our ref: 217445
Your ref: P/49/17/DOC



Mr S Davis
Arun District Council
Maltravers Road
Littlehampton
West Sussex
BN17 5LF

Customer Services
Hornbeam House
Crewe Business Park
Electra Way
Crewe
Cheshire
CW1 6GJ

T 0300 060 3900

BY EMAIL ONLY

Planning.responses@arun.gov.uk

Dear Mr Davis

Planning consultation: Application for approval of matters reserved by conditions imposed under P/84/16/PL relating to conditions 3- Foul water drainage scheme, 4- Surface water drainage scheme, 5- Site safety plan, 7- Implementation of a programme of archaeological work, 8- Golf Course management plan, including mitigation & 9- Details of placement of nesting opportunities for birds.

Location: Church Farm Holiday Village Church Lane Pagham PO21 4NR

Thank you for your consultation on the above dated 02 June 2017 which was received by Natural England on the same date.

Natural England is a non-departmental public body. Our statutory purpose is to ensure that the natural environment is conserved, enhanced, and managed for the benefit of present and future generations, thereby contributing to sustainable development.

SUMMARY OF NATURAL ENGLAND'S ADVICE

NO OBJECTION

Natural England considers that the Golf Course Management Plan submitted, is sufficient to discharge condition 8 of planning permission P/84/16/PL, and will mitigate impacts on foraging dark bellied brent geese.

European sites – Pagham Harbour Special Protection Area

In Natural England's letter regarding application P/84/16/PL for the siting of 22 holiday caravans on the site (dated 22 Sept 16), we recommended that a golf course management plan be produced which sets out how the area would be managed to benefit foraging brent geese. This was necessary as around 0.9ha of foraging habitat is to be lost to the new caravans, and therefore, replacement habitat is needed to ensure that adequate foraging habitat is maintained.

Natural England's view is that the areas of meadow creation to the north and south of the golf course, alongside the tree and scrub thinning and removal within the golf course and restriction of public access in the winter, is sufficient to maintain foraging habitat for brent geese. The Golf Course Management Plan prescriptions in table 1 and illustrated on figure 2 are sufficient to achieve

the necessary habitat creation.

Other advice

Biodiversity Enhancements

The Golf Course Management Plan also includes the creation of a pond to complement adjacent planting designed to benefit turtle doves, and the locations for swift and bat boxes. Natural England welcomes and supports these measures as they will enhance the biodiversity of the area. We therefore, consider that condition 9 of permission P/84/16/PL can be discharged.

If you have any queries relating to the advice in this letter please contact me on 0208 225 7693.

Yours sincerely

Alison Giacomelli
Sussex and Kent Area Team