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Subject: RE: application SY/19/02257/DOC in relation to Planning permission for application: SY/15/03053/FULEIA

Hi Naomi and Simon

I have now had a chance to discuss Natural England's comments on the application and to discuss these with my colleagues.

I am currently updating the document previously put together to try and address NE's concerns, but am having difficulties with importing the relevant plans as I am working away from an RSPB office and will not have time to submit them today as I had intended.

I will go into the RSPB Pagham or Pulborough office tomorrow and complete them and send them to you over the weekend.

I believe I can at least provide some simple answers and justification as regards

Condition 11 – proposed timings of works to complete the compensatory nesting habitat before the start of next year's tern breeding season, whilst avoiding the key part of the overwintering wildfowl and wader period. We would seek to start the works in the second half of March and complete in the first week of April 2019.

NE will be aware they previously consented work in the Tern Island and Church Norton Spit area by RSPB in 2018 of a similar nature - to mechanically manage shingle and to complete the approved anti-predator fencing). We have agreed protocols as part of that consent that can be adapted and the subsequent bumper breeding season in 2018 of all tern species is testament to the success of the approach.

Conditions 5 and 8 – Revised design of the compensatory habitat

I believe that the revised details provide sound reasoning and justification for the modifications of the proposed compensatory little tern nesting habitat, based on specific experience at Pagham Harbour and from wider examples from the EU LIFE little Tern project.

Condition 9 – Construction management plan and access along Church Norton Spit

The revised plans will take into account the changes to the haul route, address the number of vehicle movements and help reduce the direct damage to vegetated shingle. There is also a significant positive effect due to removal of the requirement to dig a channel across the concrete spit.

Condition 7 – mitigation measures for addressing any little tern activity due to the development of any suitable nesting habitat at the distal end of Church Norton Spit.

The little tern management plan (included in the revised Pagham Harbour LNR management plan) will continue to include measures with the Pagham local community to protect nesting little terns should they begin to nest on any suitable shingle 'spits or islands' that begin to develop above MSHW at the distal end.

I will also provide information on any required watching brief that would be necessary to oversee the works during the breeding season.

Kind Regards

Tim Callaway