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Dear Chloe,

Thank you for consulting Natural England on this application, and we apologise for the delay in our response. Proposal 4/24/2007/OF1 is adjacent to Morecambe Bay Special Area of Conservation (SAC), Morecambe Bay and Duddon Estuary Special Protection Areas (SPA), Duddon Estuary Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI), and Duddon Estuary Ramsar. Natural England has reviewed the relevant documents and provided the following advice:

CEMP

As construction will be taking place adjacent to the SAC, SPA, SSSI and Ramsar, Natural England advise that a Construction Environmental Management Plan (CEMP) will need to be secured through Condition to detail the pollution prevention measures that will be implemented during the works. Appropriate pollution prevention guideline measures should include materials and machinery storage, biosecurity, and the control and management of noise, fugitive dust, surface water runoff and waste to protect any surface water drains that are hydrologically connected to the SAC from sediment or pollutants such as fuel and cement. There must be a bund or a buffer to the watercourse to prevent any sediment and pollution in surface water run-off from reaching the SAC. All materials and equipment must be stored outside the buffer strip, and there should be a designated concrete mixing / refuelling site outside the buffer strip, with spill kits on site and drip trays used for refuelling.

SPA Birds

Special Protection Areas (SPAs) are classified for rare and vulnerable birds, and for regularly occurring migratory species. Morecambe Bay and Duddon Estuary SPA is nationally important for wintering wildfowl, waders and *Tadorna tadorna*. Designated SPA birds may also rely on areas outside of the SPA boundary such as the development site. These supporting habitats can play an essential role in maintaining SPA bird populations, and proposals affecting them may therefore have the potential to affect the SPA. Therefore, Natural England strongly advise that all construction should be avoided during the overwintering bird season (Sept- March) to reduce disturbance to the SPA birds. If works are required during the overwintering season, the applicant will need to provide assurance that all noise impacts can be mitigated. If noise cannot be mitigated, then the applicant will need to quantify how many birds are using the site so that an assessment of overall impacts to the SPA integrity can be made.

Yours sincerely,

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