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Hi Matthew,

Please see below the response from NE on the updated shadow HRA. This should now remove any issues with wintering birds, so this technical issue is now resolved.

Regards,

Matthew

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Mr Taylor,

Thank you for re consulting Natural England on the updated Shadow HRA.

HRA comments

Natural England notes that the HRA has not been produced by your authority, but by the applicant. As competent authority, it is your responsibility to produce the HRA. We provide the advice enclosed on the assumption that your authority intends to adopt this HRA to fulfil your duty as competent authority.

No objection

Natural England notes that your authority, as competent authority under the provisions of the Habitats Regulations, has screened the proposal to check for the likelihood of significant effects. Your assessment concludes that the proposal can be screened out from further stages of assessment because significant effects are unlikely to occur, either alone or in combination. On the basis of information provided **in this case only** (see below), Natural England concurs with this view.

Natural England concur with the findings of the HRA based on the following;

- *Site specific survey evidence ERAP Ltd (April 2016) Wintering Bird Survey Results 2015/2016.*
 - “the low numbers of birds recorded”
 - “...the absence of geese and swan species at the study zone and the unsuitability of the habitats for these species indicates that the proposals will have no direct effect as a result of habitat loss on these groups of birds and features of special Interest...Pink-footed Geese were not detected on the site and were recorded flying over the site ...”

Natural England can see some difficulties regarding the approach to the in combination assessments (i.e. using the suggested approach that Merseyside Environmental Advisory Service (MEAS) applied on a case in Sefton which assesses the available arable land within an LPA boundary against the cumulative loss when considered in combination with other plans and projects)).

Natural England will arrange to meet your authority and MEAS before we would consider its use in future cases.

I have attached a customer feedback form to this email. We would be pleased to hear any comments you may have.

Kind regards

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