



FAO Mr Karl Glover

Dear Mr Glover,

Application ref: 20/01296/OUTMAJ

Our ref: 339448

Habitat Regulations Assessment (HRA) Screening required

For residential development in this area, proportionate assessment of recreational disturbance impacts on the coastal designated sites resulting from the development is required via the Screening stage of the Habitats Regulations Assessment, as required under the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017 (the Habitat Regulations).

Under Regulation 63 of the Habitat Regulations the determination of likely significant effect is for the competent authority, in this case the Local Planning Authority. If your authority can be satisfied that the proposal can conclude no likely significant effects there is no further need to consult Natural England.

Where the HRA Screening cannot rule out a likely significant effect on the coastal designated sites then an Appropriate Assessment is required, of which Natural England is a statutory consultee, please consult us again at this stage.

Natural England has not assessed this application for impacts on protected species. Natural England has published [Standing Advice](#) which you can use to assess impacts on protected species or you may wish to consult your own ecology services for advice.

Natural England and the Forestry Commission have also published standing advice on [ancient woodland and veteran trees](#) which you can use to assess any impacts on ancient woodland.

The lack of further comment from Natural England does not imply that there are no impacts on the natural environment. It is for the local planning authority to determine whether or not this application is consistent with national and local policies on the natural environment. Other bodies and individuals may be able to provide information and advice on the environmental value of this site and the impacts of the proposal to assist the decision making process. We advise LPAs to obtain specialist ecological or other environmental advice when determining the environmental impacts of development.

We recommend referring to our SSSI Impact Risk Zones (available on [Magic](#) and as a downloadable [dataset](#)) prior to consultation with Natural England. Further guidance on when to consult Natural England on planning and development proposals is available on gov.uk at <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/local-planning-authorities-get-environmental-advice>

Yours sincerely,



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