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Dear Ms. Timlett

Eastoke Point Coastal Defence Works, Hayling Island, Hampshire.

**Town and Country Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2011 –
Screening Opinion of the Local Planning Authority**

Thank you for your communication of 8th November 2011 requesting a Screening Opinion for the proposed coastal defences at the above site. Pursuant to Section 5(5) of the above regulations, this letter represents the formal Screening Opinion of the Local Planning Authority as to whether or not this proposal represents Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) development.

The proposal does not fall within the range of development types under Schedule 1 of the above Regulations (which relates to proposals that are automatically EIA development). The proposal type however, in terms of classification appears to fall within Schedule 2, Section 10(m), specifically all development comprising "coastal work to combat erosion and maritime works capable of altering the coast through the construction, for example of dykes, moles, jetties and other sea defence works". Under Schedule 2 of the Regulations, there are thresholds for the size magnitude of the works, however for Coastal work such as this, all development is classed as EIA Development. The only exclusions to this would be maintenance and reconstruction of existing works.

In considering this matter, the Local Planning Authority has had regard to the information submitted, specifically the nature and extent of the works proposed. These appear to comprise creation of new defences, and represent works that fall outside the definition of 'maintenance and reconstruction'.

It is the opinion of the Local Planning Authority that the proposals represent EIA development, set out within Schedule 2 of the Regulations. Consequently an EIA is required for these works.

In the event you wish for the Local Planning Authority to input into the content of the Environmental Statement (ES) then you can, pursuant to Section 13 of the Regulations ask for a Scoping Opinion. In the event you ask for this, the Local Planning Authority has a period of five weeks to issue a response.

In respect of the Scoping Opinion for the Marine Management Order, the Local Planning Authority has not received a consultation under that process, however it is likely that the views that would be passed on would be the same as the contents of this letter.

Turning now towards the matter of the Appropriate Assessment, this is a matter, which, as set out under the Habitat Regulations that the Local Planning Authority will carry out. This Appropriate Assessment will be conducted by the LPA prior to the determination of the

planning application.

I hope that the above is clear, but should you have any further questions please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Sebbinger in the Planning Development Control Team.

Yours sincerely

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Mr Chris Murray

Service Manager (Planning Development)