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Dear Mr. Peacock

Selsmore Sea Wall, Cockle Point, Marine Walk, South East of Hayling Island, Chichester Harbour, Hampshire.

Town and Country Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) (England and Wales) Regulations 1999 – Screening Opinion of the Local Planning Authority

I refer to the application for works to the above structure, which was received on 6th June 2011 and in connection with your enclosed letters.

Pursuant to Section 7(1) 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. The development 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". There is however the exemption for works involving the maintenance and reconstruction of such 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 primarily maintenance to existing defences, and although operational development requiring planning permission, do not represent works that fall outside the definition of 'maintenance and reconstruction'.

It is the opinion of the Local Planning Authority that the proposals fall outside of works that represent EIA development, set out within Schedule 2 of the Regulations as repair/maintenance is excluded. Consequently, the no EIA is required for these works.

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 in due course, and my Officers will be in touch to discuss this with you.

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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,



for Julia Potter

Executive Head of Planning and Built Environment