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Matter 4

HAVANT LOCAL PLAN EXAMINATION

Matter 4 – Habitats Regulations and Mitigation Strategy

Policy EX1 - Water Quality impact on Solent European Sites

4.8 How would this policy operate in the event that Thornham Waste Water Treatment Works reaches capacity during the plan period? What effect would this have on the delivery of proposed housing allocations?

For council.

4.9 How will the effectiveness of this policy be monitored?

For Council

4.10 Should this policy include a review mechanism in the event that upgrades are secured to existing waste water infrastructure during the plan period?

Yes. As set out in our represents the HBF welcomes the mitigation measure introduced by the Councils across south Hampshire to address the barrier to development raised by Natural England's guidance on nitrate neutrality. However, it is important to note that the additional impact of new residential development on nutrient levels is limited when compared to other sources, such as agriculture. Improvements in sewage treatment should be the focus of the Council and water companies and any nitrates from residential development should be addressed in future by the relevant water companies through improvements in their infrastructure. As such the HBF would suggest that the Council include a commitment in this policy to an early review of this policy should there be improvements in local infrastructure that negate the impact of residential development with regard to this issue.

4.11 The Council's 'Position Statement and Mitigation Plan for Nutrient Neutral Development' (August 2020) states that Natural England's methodology for calculating a nutrient budget shall be used. Is this methodology robust?

No comment

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