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Dear Mrs Joyce

Planning consultation: Change of use of river to Use Class F1 - Learning and nonresidential institutions to facilitate the permanent mooring of a vessel.

Location: Lighthouse Vessel 21, St Andrews Quay, Royal Pier Road, Gravesend Kent

Thank you for your consultation on the above dated 15 May 2024 which was received by Natural England on the same date.

Natural England is a non-departmental public body. Our statutory purpose is to ensure that the natural environment is conserved, enhanced, and managed for the benefit of present and future generations, thereby contributing to sustainable development.

SUMMARY OF NATURAL ENGLAND'S ADVICE

NO OBJECTION

Based on the plans submitted, Natural England considers that the proposed development will not have significant adverse impacts on statutorily protected nature conservation sites or landscapes.

Natural England's generic advice on other natural environment issues is set out at Annex A.

Other advice

The development proposal affects the King Charles III England Coast Path, which should be protected and enhanced in line with paragraphs 104, 178(d) and 180(c) of the National Planning Policy Framework. Natural England has a duty to prepare a Variation Report for the Secretary of State where the alignment (but not the margin) of the King Charles III England Coast Path changes and local planning authorities are advised to notify Natural England of any development or other change that impedes or obstructs people's ability to undertake a continuous journey on foot on the National Trail.

You may wish to consult South East England Coast Path Partnership officer (Tom Kennedy) on secoastpath@eastsussex.gov.uk

Sites of Special Scientific Interest Impact Risk Zones

The Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015 requires local planning authorities to consult Natural England on “Development in or likely to affect a Site of Special Scientific Interest” (Schedule 4, w). Our SSSI Impact Risk Zones are a GIS dataset designed to be used during the planning application validation process to help local planning authorities decide when to consult Natural England on developments likely to affect a SSSI. The dataset and user guidance can be accessed from the data.gov.uk website

Further general advice on the consideration of protected species and other natural environment issues is provided at Annex A.

We would be happy to comment further should the need arise but if in the meantime you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact us.

For any queries regarding this letter, for new consultations, or to provide further information on this consultation please send your correspondences to consultations@naturalengland.org.uk.

Yours sincerely

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