



ECOLOGICAL ADVICE SERVICE

TO: *Alison Webster*

FROM: *Helen Forster*

DATE: *12 March 2025*

SUBJECT: *Britannia Refined Metals, Northfleet 20250161*

The following is provided by Kent County Council's Ecological Advice Service (KCC EAS) for Local Planning Authorities. It is independent, professional advice and is not a comment/position on the application from the county council. It is intended to advise the relevant planning officer(s) on the potential ecological impacts of the planning application and if sufficient/appropriate ecological information has been provided.

Any additional information, queries or comments on this advice that the applicant or other interested parties may have must be directed in every instance to the planning officer, who will seek input from the EAS where appropriate and necessary.

We have reviewed the scoping opinion and we are satisfied with the range of surveys which have been carried out to assess the impact of the wind turbines on ecology.

The submitted information has detailed that habitat, breeding bird, wintering birds, bat, reptile, invertebrate, GCN, dormouse and water vole surveys have been carried out.

Information submitted with any planning application must include the following:

- Results of the species and habitat surveys
- Assessment of impacts on the habitat and species
- Assessment of impacts on the Swanscombe Peninsula SSSI and other local, national or international designated sites within the wider area.
- Details of any mitigation and/or compensation required
- Details of any monitoring required
- Plan demonstrating that any mitigation and/or compensation can be implemented.
- Consideration of the results any relevant consultant results (e.g. noise).

If you have any queries regarding our comments, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

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This response was submitted following consideration of the following documents:

- Request for an EIA Scoping Opinion;SLR; February 2025