



ECOLOGICAL ADVICE SERVICE

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SUBJECT: Britannia Metal Refinery Northfleet 20250138

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We have reviewed the information submitted and desk top information available to us (including satellite photos) and we are satisfied that no ecological surveys are required as part of this application.

We have taken this view as the satellite photos demonstrate that the site is within an existing industrial area and is hard standing or metal buildings which reduces the potential for protected/notable species to be present.

We note that an ecological statement has been submitted however we highlight that some of the information is incorrect within this statement. For example it details that there is no designated sites within the vicinity but Swanscombe Peninsula SSSI is within 200m of the site. However as we agree with the conclusion of the report we do not require the report to be updated.

Due to the proximity of the SSSI we have considered if the construction works will have a negative impact on the designated site. However as the proposal is within a working industrial site and surrounded by existing buildings we advise that it is unlikely. Regardless of this conclusion we advise that any construction works follow best construction practice to minimise any impacts from noise and dust.

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

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Biodiversity Officer

This response was submitted following consideration of the following documents:

- Ecological Statement; RB Plant; March 2025
- Site Location Plan; Evans and Langford; January 2024