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Dear David

RE: Warnford Estate Nutrient Mitigation Scheme

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.

Your authority recently contacted Natural England to request confirmation that the Warnford Estate Nutrient Mitigation Scheme would be suitable to help development in Havant draining to Budds Farm Wastewater Treatment Works (WwTW) to achieve nitrogen neutrality, with regard to impacts on the Solent European designated sites.

We can confirm that the scheme, which is situated within the River Meon catchment that sits within the East Hampshire Rivers operational catchment, is suitable for development draining to Budds Farm in line with the spatial principles for mitigation as set out within the Solent Nutrients Guidance (v5 June 2020) (see paragraph 5.40), attached for your ease of reference. We are supportive of the scheme which we consider is robust and effective in offsetting nutrient pollution from new development draining to coastal wastewater treatments works including Peel Common, Budds Farm and Ashlett Creek, whilst providing multiple wider benefits for biodiversity and people.

If you have any queries relating to the advice in this letter please do not hesitate to contact Natural England.

Yours sincerely,

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