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**BY EMAIL ONLY**

Dear Robert

**Planning consultation: Outline planning application seeking approval for access only for residential development up to 125no. dwellings (all matters reserved)**  
**Location: Land to the north of Jepps Lane, Barton**

Thank you for your consultation on the above which was received by Natural England on 24 September 2020 and the additional information received on 20 October 2020.

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 designated sites and has no objection.

Natural England's further advice on designated sites and advice on other natural environment issues is set out below.

#### **European sites – Martin Mere Ramsar and Special Protection Area (SPA) Morecambe Bay Ramsar, Morecambe Bay and Duddon Estuary SPA Ribble & Alt Estuaries Ramsar and SPA**

Based on the plans submitted, Natural England considers that the proposed development will not have any likely significant effects on the Martin Mere Ramsar, Martin Mere Special Protection Area (SPA), Morecambe Bay Ramsar, Morecambe Bay and Duddon Estuary SPA, Ribble & Alt Estuaries Ramsar and Ribble & Alt Estuaries SPA and has no objection to the proposed development.

Natural England notes that the Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA) has not been produced by your authority, but by the applicant. As competent authority, it is your responsibility to produce the HRA to fulfil your duties under the Habitats and Species Regulations 2017 (as amended). We provide the advice enclosed on the assumption that your authority intends to adopt this HRA to fulfil your duty as competent authority.

Having reviewed the Shadow HRA produced by ERAP Consultant Ecologists Ltd (updated October 2020) we are satisfied that the proposal is unlikely to have any significant effect on the features of the above designated sites.

To meet the requirements of the Habitats Regulations, we advise you to record your decision that a likely significant effect can be ruled out.

**Martin Mere, Morecambe Bay and Ribble Estuary Sites of Special Scientific Interest**

Based on the plans submitted, Natural England considers that the proposed development will not damage or destroy the interest features for which the site has been notified and has no objection.

Should the proposal change, please consult us again.

If you have any queries relating to the advice in this letter please send further correspondence, marked for my attention, to [consultations@naturalengland.org.uk](mailto:consultations@naturalengland.org.uk) quoting our reference 328807.

Yours sincerely

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