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Dear Susan Hurst

Planning consultation: LCC/2021/0002 Works associated with Areas 1 and 2 of the Preston and South Ribble Flood Risk Management Scheme consisting of new & replacement flood defences
Location: North & south banks of the River Ribble in areas Broadgate, Riverside & Riverside Road, Preston.

Thank you for your consultation on the above dated 19 January 2021 which was received by Natural England on 19 January 2021.

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 Ribble and Alt Estuaries SPA and Ribble and Alt Estuaries Ramsar has no objection.

Natural England's advice on other natural environment issues is set out below.

European sites - Ribble and Alt Estuaries SPA and Ribble and Alt Estuaries Ramsar

We have reviewed HRA dated November 2020 and MCZ assessment dated 23/11/2020, received by NE in January 2021.

Based on the plans submitted, Natural England considers that the proposed development will not have likely significant effects on the Ribble and Alt Estuaries SPA and Ribble and Alt Estuaries Ramsar and has no objection to the proposed development.

To meet the requirements of the Habitats Regulations, we advise you to record your decision that a likely significant effect can be ruled out. The following may provide a suitable justification for that

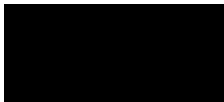
decision:

- The distance of Ribble and Alt Estuaries SPA / Ramsar and significant areas of functionally linked land mean that there is no likely significant effect for the project. Natural England with your conclusion of no likely significant effect in the HRA for the project alone, and in combination.
- The phasing and nature of the works will ensure that changes in the physical regime (e.g. flow velocity) will not be significant in relation to the SPA / Ramsar.

Should the proposal change, please consult us again.

If you have any queries relating to the advice in this letter please contact me at rosie.horner@naturalengland.org.uk.

Yours sincerely



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