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Dear Sir

**NSIP Reference Name / Code: Kemsley Paper Mill (K4) CHP Plant (EN010090)**

**Our reference:** KEMP4-SP012

**The Examining Authority's Requests for Information – Deadline 4**

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.

#### **Response to further information requested by the ExA by Deadline 4**

In the ExA's questions for Issue Specific Hearing 2, Natural England was asked (ISH2:14) to confirm the features of the nature conservation sites relevant to the Habitats Regulations Assessment Report (HRAR).

Natural England's advice is that where there is a discrepancy between the features listed on the designated site citation, and other sources (for example the JNCC standard data form), then the citation is the legal document that should be used. Natural England has produced conservation objectives for the features listed on the citation, and these are to be used to assess the impact of proposals.

Links to the citations, conservation objectives, and (where available) supplementary advice on conservation objectives, can be found on Natural England's Designated Sites View website: <https://designatedsites.naturalengland.org.uk/SiteSearch.aspx>

#### **Special Protection Area features:**

The Swale Special Protection Area (SPA)

- Dark-bellied brent goose (Non-breeding)
- Dunlin (Non Breeding)
- Breeding bird assemblage
- Waterbird assemblage (Non-breeding)

Medway Estuary and Marshes SPA

- Avocet (breeding and non-breeding)
- Dark-bellied brent goose (non-breeding)
- Dunlin (non-breeding)
- Grey plover (non-breeding)
- Knot (non-breeding)
- Pintail (non-breeding)

- Redshank (non-breeding)
- Ringed plover (non-breeding)
- Shelduck (non-breeding)
- Waterbird assemblage (non-breeding)
- Little tern (breeding)
- Breeding bird assemblage

#### Thames Estuary and Marshes SPA

- Avocet (non-breeding)
- Black-tailed godwit (non-breeding)
- Dunlin (non-breeding)
- Grey plover (non-breeding)
- Hen harrier (non-breeding)
- Knot (non-breeding)
- Redshank (non-breeding)
- Ringed plover (non-breeding)
- Waterbird assemblage (non-breeding)

#### Outer Thames Estuary SPA/pSPA

- Red-throated diver (non-breeding)
- Little tern (breeding)
- Common tern (breeding)

#### **Ramsar site features** (from Ramsar Information Sheets on JNCC website:

<http://jncc.defra.gov.uk/page-1390>)

#### The Swale Ramsar site

- Criterion 2 – Wetland plants and invertebrates
- Criterion 5 – wintering waterfowl assemblage
- Criterion 6 – Redshank, dark-bellied brent goose, grey plover (non-breeding)

#### Medway Estuary and Marshes Ramsar site

- Criterion 2 – Wetland plants and invertebrates
- Criterion 5 – wintering waterfowl assemblage
- Criterion 6 – Grey plover, redshank, dark-bellied brent goose, shelduck, pintail, ringed plover, knot, dunlin (non-breeding)

#### Thames Estuary and Marshes Ramsar site

- Criterion 2 – Wetland plants and invertebrates
- Criterion 5 – wintering waterfowl assemblage
- Criterion 6 – Ringed plover, black-tailed godwit, grey plover, knot, dunlin, redshank (non-breeding)

#### **Special Area of Conservation features** (taken from the citation on Designated Sites View website)

#### Queendown Warren SAC:

H6210 – Semi natural grasslands and scrubland facies: on calcareous substrates (*Festuco-brometalia*) (important orchid sites); Dry grasslands and scrublands on chalk or limestone (important orchid sites).

Yours sincerely

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