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Dear Caroline,

Thank you for the email regarding the Inspector's Unaccompanied Site Inspection. Apologies for only just responding.

Whilst a visit to the lower reaches of The Haven will be helpful to see the local area and see areas where compensation options may be proposed by the Applicant, any conclusions that could be made by a one-off visit to the mouth of The Haven, and without an explanation of local context, should be treated carefully. The state of the tide, weather and other factors will have a big effect on what birds may be present and there may not be any boats present to observe the effect of their presence. If birds are present, it should be possible to observe how closely they are foraging, roosting or loafing close to the navigation channel. It is also worth being aware of other pressures already acting on The Haven. It would also be worth checking the hide that was used by the surveyor to confirm the view that could be seen during the surveys and equally what areas of the lower reaches of The Haven that could not be seen during observations from the hide. During the walk out to the hide, it is worth being aware of birds that are using the lower reaches of The Haven, especially qualifying features of The Wash SPA/Ramsar/SSSI. This would notably be dark-bellied brent geese, black-tailed godwits, oystercatchers, redshanks, lapwings, golden plovers, turnstones, as well as other features such as shelduck, ruff and curlew and other possible species. It would be worth noting the width of the channel and how birds are using the area close to the navigation channel along The Haven inland towards the Application site. However, a one-off visit will only provide a brief overview and there can be no guarantees what birds may be present due to tidal state, weather, etc.

I trust these comments are helpful and a useful guide to what to consider on the Unaccompanied Site Investigation, but please do let me know if there is any more information that you require.

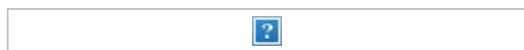
Regards,  
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Good afternoon Phil,

I hope you are well. The Examining Authority (ExA) has today notified parties of the forthcoming Accompanied Site Inspection, and published the final itinerary for the day. The view of the mouth of the Haven to coincide with high tide will take place as an Unaccompanied Site Inspection (USI) following the ASI.

In light of this, please could you confirm whether there is any more specific information the ExA should be aware of, in terms of exactly what to look at when they arrive?

Kind regards

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