



ECOLOGICAL ADVICE SERVICE

TO: *Isabelle Hills*

FROM: *Luke Wallace*

DATE: *22 December 2020*

SUBJECT: *20/1797/FH / Land adj 10 Coast Drive, Lydd On Sea*

The following is provided by Kent County Council's Ecological Advice Service (EAS) for Local Planning Authorities. It is independent, professional advice and is not a comment/position on the application from the County Council. It is intended to advise the relevant planning officer(s) on the potential ecological impacts of the planning application; and whether sufficient and appropriate ecological information has been provided to assist in its determination. Any additional information, queries or comments on this advice that the applicant or other interested parties may have must be directed in every instance to the Planning Officer, who will seek input from the EAS where appropriate and necessary.

No ecological information has been submitted with this application. As a result of reviewing the data we have available to us (including aerial photos and biological records) and the information submitted with the planning application, we advise that further information is sought with regard to the potential ecological impacts.

Designated Sites and Priority Habitat

The site is directly bordered on two sides by the Dungeness SAC, SPA, SSSI and Ramsar site. Additionally, the imagery available to us suggests the site encompasses shingle habitat which is potentially a priority habitat under section 41 of the NERC Act (2006) and, therefore, can be a material consideration in the planning process.

As such, we advise that an assessment of the habitat on-site, as well as an assessment of the potential impact on the surrounding designated site, is made and submitted prior to determination. This information should include mitigation measures if necessary.

If you have any queries regarding our comments, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Luke Wallace
Biodiversity Officer