

Wiltshire Council Planning Consultation Response

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Officer name:	Jessica Cracknell (Ecologist)
Date:	27/01/2026
Application Number:	PL/2025/06701
Proposal:	Application under Regulation 77 of the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017 (as amended) to install fixed line broadband electronic communications apparatus
Site Address:	Salisbury Plain Training Area, Perham Down Road, Perham Down
Case Officer:	Adrian Smith

Recommendations:

☐	No Comment
☐	Support
☒	No objection
☐	Condition (no objection subject to conditions)
☐	Objection - further information required
☐	Objection in principle
☐	HRA required.

Thank you for your consultation on the above application. I have reviewed the submitted documents against OS maps, aerial photographs of the site and surrounding area, together with GIS layers of statutory and non-statutory designated sites and existing records of protected species.

Salisbury Plain Special Protection Area (SPA)

This application lies within the 6.4km zone of influence of the Salisbury Plain SPA and in light of the HRA for the Wiltshire Core Strategy and the HRA for the Wiltshire Housing Site Allocations Plan it is screened into Appropriate Assessment due to the potential impact of recreational pressure on stone curlew in combination with other plans and projects.

A test of likely significance has been carried out by the relevant Competent Authority (Wiltshire Council) as required by Regulation 63 of the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017 (as amended). This concluded that given the scale and nature of the development combined with the separation of 2km between the SAC and the application site, any temporary construction impacts and operational impacts would be de-minimus. **The HRA has concluded that the application is not likely to have significant impacts on the SAC and subsequently the application is screened out of Appropriate Assessment.**

Hampshire River Avon Special Area of Conservation (SAC) Catchment

This development falls within the catchment of the River Avon SAC and has potential to cause adverse effects alone or in combination with other developments through discharge of phosphorus in wastewater. Appropriate Assessment (AA) must be carried out by the relevant Competent Authority (the LPA) to determine the potential significant effects, and the suitability of any measures proposed to avoid or mitigate those effects.

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Final sign off – all matters addressed:

Ecologist	Date
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