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Your ref: Whitby Harbour Piers Scheme PAR



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Dear Jamie

Case name: Whitby Piers Coast Protection Scheme PAR

Location: Whitby, North Yorkshire

Thank you for your consultation dated 10 August 2012.

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.

**Whitby to Saltwick Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI)
North York Moors National Park
North Yorkshire and Cleveland Heritage Coast**

Scheme advice to the Environment Agency: *Whitby Harbour Piers Coast Protection Scheme from Scarborough Borough Council for implementation.*

Following the information received from the body above regarding this scheme, we write to confirm that it is Natural England's view that **it is likely to lead to an environmentally acceptable solution. We support the proposal to undertake an over-wintering bird survey (for purple sandpiper and turnstone etc). We advise that once this has been carried out then the impacts of the noise/ vibration as a result of the proposed piling works on these species should be assessed.**

This advice is offered based on the information provided to date. It is given without prejudice to any advice that Natural England may offer in accordance with its statutory role under the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2010 or assent that may be required under the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (as amended by the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000). Formal comment on the proposal will be provided following consultation on the Environmental Statement as required under the relevant Regulations. We look forward to receiving further information as the proposal is developed.

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Summary of Natural England's advice	Answer only yes or no
Is the scheme likely to lead to an environmentally acceptable solution?	yes
Is the scheme likely to require an appropriate assessment under the Habitats Regulations?	no

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Yours sincerely



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